

## LANGUAGE PRACTICE FOR ADVANCED

**5** Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given.

- 1 I intended to call you yesterday, but I forgot.

GOING

I was going to ..... call you yesterday, but I forgot.

- 2 Sylvia asked if I wanted more pudding, but I said I couldn't eat any more.

HAD

When Sylvia offered ..... enough.

- 3 Owing to illness, Sally was unable to sing the solo, as arranged.

HAVE

Sally was ..... but she fell ill.

- 4 Carol wasn't always as rude as that.

BE

Carol ..... rude.

- 5 We've changed our minds about going to Rome, as originally intended.

INTENDING

We ..... we've changed our minds.

- 6 When I lived in London, cycling to work was part of my daily routine.

USED

When I lived in London, I ..... day.

- 7 I might possibly go to the theatre tonight.

WONDERING

I ..... going to the theatre tonight.

- 8 I had to go past your house so I decided to drop in.

PASSING

I ..... so I decided to drop in.

- 9 About 100 people were waiting for the late bus.

ARRIVED

By ..... about 100 people waiting.

- 10 What were you doing at the moment of the explosion?

OCCURRED

When ..... what were you doing?

**6** In each sentence decide whether one, or both, of the verb forms in *italics* are correct. Write B if both are correct, or underline the correct form.

- 1 In those days, I always *used to get up* / *got up* early in the morning. ....B.....
- 2 When I got to the cinema Jack *had been waiting* / *was waiting* for me. ....
- 3 We *would always have* / *were always having* breakfast in bed on Sundays. ....
- 4 Gemma *was always falling* / *always fell* ill before important examinations. ....
- 5 My sister *used to own* / *would own* a motorcycle and sidecar. ....
- 6 Pay no attention to Max's remarks. He *wasn't meaning* / *didn't mean* it. ....
- 7 I felt awful after lunch. I *ate* / *had eaten* too much. ....
- 8 Emma *left* / *had left* before I had time to talk to her. ....
- 9 The explanation was simple. In 1781 HMS Sovereign, on her way back from India, *had sighted* / *sighted* an empty boat drifting off the African coast. ....
- 10 Jenny has changed a lot. She *didn't always use to look* / *wasn't always looking* like that. ....

**7** Complete the text by writing one word in each gap.

I once (1) spent a year in France, studying French at the University of Grenoble. Every Friday I (2) ..... eat at the Alps café. I never (3) ..... to spend much money, as I could not afford it, but it (4) ..... my local café and I enjoyed sitting there. Anyway, the story I'm going to tell you is something that really (5) ..... one day when I (6) ..... eating there. Suddenly a beautiful girl (7) ..... to my table and said, 'I was (8) ..... if you'd like to take a walk with me in the park.' I (9) ..... never seen her before, so I was rather shocked. I (10) ..... about to follow her when I noticed a tough-looking man watching our every movement. Realizing that I (11) ..... noticed him, the girl whispered to me, in English, 'Don't worry about him! Park - five minutes!', and then disappeared. Well, my bill (12) ..... ages to arrive, and by the time I (13) ..... to the park, there was no sign of the girl. I asked an old lady who was sitting there if she had (14) ..... a young girl waiting around. I described the girl to her. The old lady said that the girl (15) ..... had to rush off to the railway station. She had also left me a note. It said, 'I will explain everything. Meet me on platform 6.'



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### 8 Complete the sentences with the best form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I realized that someone (steal) was stealing my wallet when I (feel) felt ..... their hand in my jacket pocket.
- 2 When I (phone) ..... Helen last night she ..... (wash) her hair.
- 3 Peter (offer) ..... me another drink but I decided I (had) ..... enough.
- 4 Nobody (watch) ..... , so the little boy (take) ..... the packet of sweets from the shelf and (put) ..... it in his pocket.
- 5 I (not / realize) ..... that I (leave) ..... my umbrella on the bus until it (start) ..... to rain.
- 6 At school I (dislike) ..... the maths teacher because he (always / pick) ..... on me.
- 7 Wherever Marion (find) ..... a job, there was someone who (know) ..... that she (go) ..... to prison.
- 8 Several years later I (find out) ..... that during all the time I (write) ..... to my pen friend, my mother (open) ..... and reading the replies!
- 9 I (not / understand) ..... what (go on) ..... . Several people (shout) ..... at me, and one passer-by (wave) ..... a newspaper in front of my face.
- 10 I (know) ..... I (do) ..... well in my exams even before I (receive) ..... the official results.

### 9 Complete the text with the best past form of the verbs in brackets.

When Helen reached the village it was in confusion. Soldiers (1) ..... (rush) around carrying equipment but there (2) ..... (not seem) to be much purpose to what they (3) ..... (do). Helen (4) ..... (never be) in a war zone before, but it was obvious that the men (5) ..... (expect) an attack of some sort. She (6) ..... (try) to phone her newspaper but her mobile phone (7) ..... (run out) of power. She (8) ..... (walk) across the street to talk to one of the soldiers when the first flying saucer (9) ..... (fly) low above the roofs with a roar. A large building a few hundred metres away (10) ..... (disappear) in an explosion of flame. One minute houses (11) ..... (burst) into flame all around her, and the next minute, just as suddenly, everything (12) ..... (go) quiet, apart from the crackle of the flames. Some of the soldiers (13) ..... (still fire) their weapons, but the flying machines (14) ..... (vanish) completely. The war against the invaders from outer space (15) ..... (begin).



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