

Tenses

A. Ada received a letter from her uncle. Read the letter and fill in the blanks with correct form of verbs.

Dear Ada,

I (1) _____ (not write) to you for a long time. How (2) _____ (be) you? Let me (3) _____ (tell) you some good news. I (4) _____ just _____ (write) a children's storybook. I (5) _____ (finish) it this morning. Although I (6) _____ never _____ (write) a long story before, I (7) _____ (be) a writer for newspapers few years ago. So I did not (8) _____ (find) the writing too difficult. Now I (9) _____ (be) quite free. I think I (10) _____ (go) out more next week.

(11) _____ (be) you still very busy with your study? When (12) _____ you _____ (go) out with your friends last time? You should have some fun in your spare time. I (13) _____ (go) on a charity walk this Sunday. (14) _____ you ever _____ (go) on a charity walk before? I (15) _____ (be) to many charity walks before. Last time I (16) _____ (do) this (17) _____ (be) in Paris. I always (18) _____ (enjoy) this meaningful activity.

Love,

Uncle Tom

B. Helen is reading an interesting story about a girl who wanted too much. Complete the story using the appropriate form of verbs.

A very beautiful girl (1) _____ (live) in a small country. She (2) _____ (have) red lips, golden hair and blue eyes, a slim figure and a soft, gentle voice. A young man (3) _____ (live) in the same street. He (4) _____ (love) her so much and he wanted to marry her. He (5) _____ (go) to the girl and (6) _____ (ask) her to be his wife.

“Pooh!” she said, “You (7) _____ (not be) good enough for me. I am too beautiful for a man like you. But I (8) _____ (marry) you if you (9) _____ (give) me a diamond ring.”

The young man (10) _____ (save) enough money to buy the girl a diamond ring. “Here (11) _____ (be) your ring,” he said. “Now (12) _____ you _____ (marry) me?”

The girl said, “No, a very wealthy man (13) _____ (come) to live in the town since May. People said he (14) _____ (look) for a wife. I am the most beautiful girl in the town. When he (15) _____ (see) me, I know he will want to marry me.”

The young man was very angry, but he said, “Very well. I love you and I want you to be happy, so I will help you marry this man.” Then he went away.

