

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

CLASS IXC

TENSES ASSIGNMENT

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Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the words given in the brackets:

1. I come from a very large family and recently my parents _____ (DECIDE) that they _____ (SPEND) long enough living in an overcrowded house in Birmingham. "We _____ (MOVE) to the country", my father _____ (ANNOUNCE) one evening. "I _____ (SELL) this house and we _____ (LIVE) on a farm". So last week we _____ (LOAD) all our belongings into two hired vans, and for the last few days we _____ (TRY) to organise ourselves in our new home. Yesterday, for example, my two brothers and I _____ (START) painting the upstairs rooms. Unfortunately, while I _____ (MIX) the paint, one of my brothers _____ (OPEN) the door. Nobody _____ (TELL) him that we _____ (BE) in the room. So instead of painting the walls we _____ (SPEND) all morning cleaning paint off the floor. But worse things _____ (HAPPEN) since then. This morning, when I _____ (WAKE) up, water _____ (DRIP) through the ceiling next to my bed. We _____ (SPENT) the last five hours repairing the roof. It is not all bad news though. The school in the village nearby _____ (CLOSE) down two years ago, and my parents _____ (NOT FIND) another school for us yet.

2. Dear Donna,

I have some wonderful news for you. Clive _____ (return) at last. He _____ (be) with us for five days now. He looks very different, but he _____ (suffer) a lot, so it is not surprising. He _____ (become) much thinner and he _____ (lose) the good looks he _____ (have) when he was a little boy. I _____ (cook) all his favourite meals, but so far he _____ (refuse) to accept anything I give him. He says he _____ (feel) more comfortable in jeans and that he _____ (lose) his taste for rich foods. At least now he _____ (not quarrel) with his father as much as he used to.

3. It _____ (be) Tuesday evening and I _____ (get) ready to go to bed when the phone _____ (ring). To my surprise it _____ (be) my friend Peter. He _____ (call) from his mobile and he was very annoyed because he _____ (lose) his keys and he _____ (cannot) get into his flat. He _____ (think) he _____ (leave) them at work but now it was midnight and the office was closed so he _____ (cannot) get in to check. Luckily I had the keys to his flat because a month before he _____ (give) me a spare set so that I could look after his cat while he was on holiday. When he finally _____ (arrive) to pick them up, it was three o'clock in the morning, and I _____ (lie) on the sofa fast asleep.