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## Mixed Tenses

### *Part A*

Ming: Hello May. I haven't seen you for a long time. How (1) \_\_\_\_\_ you?

Jo: I'm great. Thanks! Right now, I (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to find a job.

Ming: Oh, that must be very hard. But I thought you (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in a law firm before?

Jo: Yes, but I (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (quit) 2 months ago. I (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (not/like) the boss. She was annoying. What about you?

Ming: Well, I (6) \_\_\_\_\_ on my way to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a movie. That's my job now. Movie reviewer.

Jo: How nice! How many movies (8) \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a day?

Ming: Six. I (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) 3 in the morning and 3 in the afternoon. My boss (10) \_\_\_\_\_ crazy yesterday. He (11) \_\_\_\_\_ (make) me watch 10 movies!

Jo: So horrible. I bet you (12) \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) while watching the movies.

Ming: Haha. How (13) \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (guess)?

### *Part B*

Dear Ruth,

How are you? What (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (you/do) now? How (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (you/feel)? I (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (know) you (4) \_\_\_\_\_ still sad about the death of your cat, but please (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (cheer) up. Your mum already (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) you another cat. Please don't (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (ignore) her love and concern for you!

I'm fine here in Haiwaih. There's a show called "Lion Dace" today, and it (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) at 7pm. I (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (attend) with Sarah. I think we (10) \_\_\_\_\_ both enjoy the show. Before I (11) \_\_\_\_\_ (come) to Haiwaih, mum (12) \_\_\_\_\_ (worry) about me. Could I take of myself? Would it be safe to travel with friends to a strange place? She (12) \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) me questions about the trip from the time of planning till the day I (13) \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) HK! And now that I (14) \_\_\_\_\_ in Haiwaih? She just can't (14) \_\_\_\_\_ (stop) calling me!

Write back soon.

Kate

### *Part C*

The weather (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (look) very nice but when I was about to leave home, the rain (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (come) pouring down. That explains why I am stuck in my room now. I (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) ice-cream while (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) the TV. The weather forecast just a minute ago (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) me that the rain (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (continue) till the evening, which explains why I (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (stare) at the screen now, watching but not really watching what I (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (watch). What should I do?

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Meanwhile, my brother (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (make) lots of noise in the living room. I (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (think) he (11) \_\_\_\_\_ (just/lose) a game against the computer so he's very cranky. Of course, the weather (12) \_\_\_\_\_ (play/also) a hand in his crankiness. He (13) \_\_\_\_\_ (need) to go swimming this morning but now he is the same as me, stuck at home. Who knows? Maybe the weather (14) \_\_\_\_\_ (change) for the better in the afternoon. It's only 10am. But I can see more dark clouds (15) \_\_\_\_\_ (gather). I (16) \_\_\_\_\_ (pick) up the phone. That's right! I (17) \_\_\_\_\_ (call) June and (18) \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) her to come over and watch a movie with me. At least I (20) \_\_\_\_\_ (not/be) so bored!

#### *Part D*

Everything (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (happen) so fast as if it was all a dream. Suddenly, the bridge (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (collapse) and all the cars (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (plunge) into the ocean. A survivor (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (believe) he (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) something strange in the air just before the bridge (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (break) into chunks. Another survivor (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a strange object in the sky pointing a beam of light at the bridge which probably then (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (cause) the tragedy. I myself find this very strange, but it is a fact that no one (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (know) if this "accident" (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (has) anything to do with ETs and UFOs. Experts of the paranormal field (11) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) quick to point to the "eye-witnessed" accounts of the survivors to support their conclusion that this incidence was really related to ETs. Within a day after the accident (12) \_\_\_\_\_ (occur), the experts (13) \_\_\_\_\_ (manage) to call a conference about their conclusion. Personally, I'm doubtful about this. I think another conclusion (13) \_\_\_\_\_ (appear) after a proper investigation has been carried out. The police and the scientists (14) \_\_\_\_\_ (still / search) for evidence to take back to the lab.