

Exercise 1 (Units 1-4)

Part A

Matt is writing a letter to Wilson. Complete the letter by underlining the correct words in the brackets.

Dear Wilson,

How are you? I hope you **(1)** (were having / are having) a great time after your retirement. I want to share with you how fruitful my post-retirement days have been!

My wife usually **(2)** (cooks / is cooking) for the whole family every day, but last month, she **(3)** (is starting / started) to teach me how to cook. The first recipe I learnt was spaghetti, which is my favourite! She told me that adding tomato sauce could bring the spaghetti to the next level. It really **(4)** (was tasting / tasted) pretty good. Last Saturday, I learnt to cook honey lemon chicken. We **(5)** (have / had) it for dinner, but my daughter said it was too sweet because I **(6)** (added / was adding) too much honey. Yesterday was my little son's birthday, and I **(7)** (wanted / was wanting) to make him a cake. I **(8)** (am sneaking / sneaked) into the kitchen while he **(9)** (was sleeping / slept). I **(10)** (blended / was blending) the cream cheese and powdered sugar while my wife was mixing the cookie crumbs with melted butter. We then **(11)** (are decorating / decorated) the cake with strawberries and cherries. When my son got up, he **(12)** (were / was) very surprised and he **(13)** (gave / was giving) us a big hug.

Cooking is not as hard as it **(14)** (seems / seem). I **(15)** (will cook / am cooking) you a dinner when you **(16)** (fly / flew) back to see me. Can't wait to see you soon!

Cheers,

Matt

Part B

James is reading a story. Complete the story by filling in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs.

Andres (1) _____ (become) a writer after his graduation from university in 2010. Over these years, he (2) _____ (publish) writing a few books about his childhood in the conventional Indian neighbourhood. His latest book (3) _____ (become) one of the bestsellers upon its release, but his family (4) _____ (be) not very happy about it.

One day late at night, Andres received a phone call from his father, who (5) _____ (sound) upset and enraged. 'Why (6) _____ you _____ (mention) what disgrace your family did in your book?' His father questioned him. 'It is just a novel ...' he explained, but his father interrupted harshly, and meanwhile he was trying to calm himself and hide in 'shame'. 'Everyone (7) _____ (gossip) about us now.' 'I (8) _____ (publish) the book already and there is nothing I can do about it,' Andres replied and murmured to himself, 'What's wrong with my book? I (9) _____ just _____ (take) inspiration from the true stories of people around me. That's literature.'

Though Andres's book (10) _____ (receive) many good reviews over the past several months, his family cut him off as if he brought shame on the family name. On that night, Andres wrote this event down and thought to himself, 'I (11) _____ (retell) this in my next book ...'

Part C

Audrey is writing a diary entry. Complete the diary entry by circling the best answers.

9 June 20____

Sunny

I went to the cinema with my best friend Lucy today.

We (1) up in front of the cinema at 10 a.m.. At first, we planned to watch a comedy, but

the tickets (2) sold out when we got there. Therefore, we (3) a thriller instead. In fact, I don't like thrillers at all. I agreed to watch this film simply because Lucy seemed really interested in it. As it turned out, the film was rather terrifying. It was a story based on the Killer Clown, who (4) many children since the last decade. Overwhelmed by the violent shots, I (5) my eyes shut throughout the film, but the creepy look of the clown (6) still (6) in my mind now.

We (7) about the film while we (8) lunch at a fast food restaurant. Lucy (9) the lively visual effects, though I thought they made the film too horrifying. Anyway, I (10) never (10) a thriller again. Lucy (11) watching a musical with me next week. I (12) forward to it.

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| 1. A. meet
B. met
C. metted
D. are meeting | 2. A. is
B. are
C. was
D. were | 3. A. choose
B. is choosing
C. chose
D. are choosing |
| 4. A. kills
B. is killing
C. killed
D. has killed | 5. A. keep
B. kept
C. had kept
D. am keeping | 6. A. will ... stay
B. is ... staying
C. was ... staying
D. am ... going to stay |
| 7. A. talk
B. are talking
C. talked
D. talks | 8. A. have
B. has
C. were having
D. are having | 9. A. liked
B. will like
C. was liking
D. has liked |
| 10. A. am ... watching
B. have ... watched
C. was ... watching
D. had ... watched | 11. A. suggests
B. suggested
C. has suggested
D. was suggesting | 12. A. will look
B. am looking
C. have looked
D. had looked |