

Choose the correct form of the verb in any aspect of the present tense.

Ring! Ring!

Beto: Hello.

Justin: May I please speak to Beto?

Beto: Yes, this is he.

Justin: Beto! How (be) _____ (1) you? This is Justin.

Beto: Ahhh...Justin! I (be) _____ (2) fine. How are you?

Justin: I'm great, thanks.

Beto: That (be) _____ (3) good. So, what's up?

Justin: Well, I (have) _____ (4) a question for you.

Beto: Sure. Justin: My motorcycle (be) _____ (5) broken. I (try) _____ (6) to repair it for days. I (no, know) _____ (7) what is wrong with it. I (no, can, fix) _____ (8) it.

Justin: Have you tried to start it?

Beto: Yes, I (try) _____ (9) to start it many times, but it just won't work. The motorcycle is pretty new. I just got it last November.

Beto: Hmm. Well, what (happen) _____ (10) when you try to start it? What kind of noise does it make?

Justin: It (make) _____ (11) a strange sound. Then the engine (die) _____ (12).

Beto: Okay. (You, stand) _____ (13) beside it right now?

Justin: Yes.

Beto: Okay. There are some things that you need to check. First, you need to inspect the spark plugs.

Justin: Hold on. Okay, I (inspect) _____ (14) them under a light now. They look clean.

Beto: Okay, that's good. Now, you need to check the oil. It's possible that you don't have enough.

Justin: Hold on. Okay, I (check) _____ (15) the oil right now. It (look) _____ (16) clean, and the tank is full. I just filled it up last week, so I didn't think that would be the problem. Beto: Okay, that's good. Now you need to test the battery. (You, have) _____ (17) a battery tester?

Justin: Yes, I do. My brother got me one for my birthday. Let's see...okay, I (use) _____ (18) it right now. The battery (appear) _____ (19) to be full of life.

Beto: Hmm. That is strange. I (wonder) _____ (20) what the problem could be!

Justin: Yes...very strange. I (not, understand) _____ (21) it. My brother thinks the motorcycle is trash. He (not, think) _____ (22) it will ever start again. He (say) _____ (23) I need to take it to the junkyard.

Beto: That's too bad. Well, there (be) _____ (24) one more thing you can check.

Justin: Really?

Beto: Yes, but I am sure you (check) _____ (25) it already. It's probably the first thing you thought of.

Justin: Well, what is it?

Beto: The gas level.

Justin: Wait! I (not, check) _____ (26) that yet! Hold on! I (check) _____ (27) the gas level now.

Beto: Well, what (do) _____ (28) it look like?

Justin: It (look) _____ (29) empty! Wow, that (be) _____ (30) the problem. How embarrassing. I am sorry that I bothered you about this!

Beto: That's okay. The same thing (happen) _____ (31) to me before. You had better go get some gas! Talk you to you later!

Justin: Okay, thanks!

Answer Key

- 1) are
- 2) am
- 3) is
- 4) have
- 5) is
- 6) have been trying
- 7) do not know
- 8) cannot fix
- 9) have tried
- 10) happens
- 11) makes
- 12) dies
- 13) Are you standing
- 14) am inspecting
- 15) am checking
- 16) looks
- 17) Do you have
- 18) am using
- 19) appears
- 20) wonder
- 21) do not understand
- 22) does not think
- 23) says
- 24) is
- 25) have checked
- 26) have not checked
- 27) am checking
- 28) does
- 29) looks
- 30) is
- 31) has happened

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in any aspect of the past tense.

Eric and Ilsa are brother and sister. They (grow) _____ (1) up together in the city that used to be known as West Berlin, in the former West Germany. Eric (move) _____ (2) to the United States decades ago, before the eastern and western parts of both Berlin and Germany were reunited in 1990. Ilsa and her family (visit) _____ (3) Eric and his family last year. Ilsa's Family (fly) _____ (4) from Berlin to Detroit for the visit. Although the children (never, meet) _____ (5) before, except through e-mail, the families (have) _____ (6) a great time together. Every day for a week, the adults and the children (play) _____ (7), talking, and eating together. One day, they (cook) _____ (8) some German recipes that (be) _____ (9) in the family for generations. For years, Ilsa (save) _____ (10) them and treasuring them in a box their mother (give) _____ (11) her just before she (die) _____ (12). One of their mother's favorites (be) _____ (13) a dessert called Apple Kuchen. One night after everyone else (already, go) _____ (14) to bed, Eric and Ilsa (quietly, sit) _____ (15) and talking. "What have you (miss) _____ (16) most about Berlin?" Ilsa wanted to know. Eric (pause) _____ (17), then answered, "Mostly, I miss living in a city with such wonderful landmarks. The kids and I (look) _____ (18) at some books about Berlin and Germany for a while before you and your family (arrive) _____ (19). We (discuss) _____ (20) the Brandenburg Gate when Franz interrupted to ask why its image (use) _____ (21) as a design on some of the coins back when Germany had converted its money to euros." "What (do) _____ (22) you tell him?" Ilsa asked. "I (say) _____ (23) that I (not, be) _____ (24) sure," answered Eric, "but that I (think) _____ (25) it was because the gate (become) _____ (26) a symbol for Germany, like the Statue of Liberty had emerged as a symbol for the United States."

Answer Key

- 1) grew
- 2) had moved
- 3) visited
- 4) flew
- 5) had never met
- 6) had
- 7) were playing
- 8) cooked
- 9) had been
- 10) had been saving
- 11) had given
- 12) died
- 13) had been
- 14) had already gone
- 15) were quietly sitting
- 16) missed
- 17) paused
- 18) had been looking
- 19) arrived
- 20) were discussing
- 21) had been used
- 22) did
- 23) said
- 24) was not
- 25) thought
- 26) had become

Choose the correct form of the verb in any aspect of the future tense.

Carrie has been training her dog, Jack, for competition for the past six months. Carrie is Jack's "handler," and together they are a team. If Jack is ready, Carrie (take) _____ (1) him to a rally in a nearby city this coming September. Carrie imagines the upcoming rally. She has many questions about it. She decides to ask one of her friends, Jessica, about it. "What _____ (2) I (do) _____ (3) at the rally, exactly?" she asks. "You (compete) _____ (4) against other teams as they complete a course of challenging exercises," Jessica tells her. "The exercises at the rally (involve) _____ (5) giving commands, jumping, pivoting, spiraling, side stepping, and dropping. Each exercise (be) _____ (6) numbered. As they are doing the exercises together, the handlers (talk) _____ (7) to their dogs." "Before beginning the course," Jessica continues, "Each team (receive) _____ (8) 200 points. Each time a team makes a mistake, a point is deducted by the judge. At the end of the course, the handlers (probably, praise) _____ (9) their dogs and give them food as rewards. The teams (do) _____ (10) their best together, and therefore will deserve a rest. By the time the dogs finish eating, the judge (tally) _____ (11) each team's final score." "The dogs at the rally will not only be purebred. Lots of mixed-breed dogs (surely, participate) _____ (12) in the rally, too. There is no age limit for the dogs, either, and it has been decided that all future rallies (include) _____ (13) a division for handlers ages 8 to 18. This way, kids can get more involved." Carrie is 19 years old, and Jack is 10. He is a Labrador mix. If they go to the rally, they (enter) _____ (14) the Level 1 competition, because it (be) _____ (15) their first rally. Rallies also include Levels 2 and 3. 3 is the highest level. Carrie has a

plan. She says that she (decide) _____ (16) by July 4th whether Jack is ready to compete. By then, she (train) _____ (17) him for eight months. She hopes they (win) _____ (18) a blue ribbon!

Answer Key

- 1) will take
- 2) will
- 3) be doing
- 4) will be competing
- 5) are going to involve
- 6) is going to be
- 7) will be talking
- 8) will receive
- 9) will probably praise
- 10) will have done
- 11) will have tallied
- 12) will surely be participating
- 13) are going to include
- 14) will enter
- 15) will be
- 16) is going to decide
- 17) will have trained
- 18) will win