

Tenses I

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A Picnic Lunch

“_____ (not, forget) _____ (bring) a dozen eggs with you when you _____ (come) home for lunch!” Jill _____ (shout) after him. “I _____ (need) them for the cakes _____ (make) this afternoon.”

“I won’t” Steve _____ (cry back), and he _____ (drive off) to work.

Jill was very happy with Steve. All right, he _____ (not, earn) a fortune _____ (drive) lorries but he _____ (rather, do) that than _____ (be) unemployed – and, of course he was right.

On her way inside, she _____ (sweep up) Jeremy the cat into her arms and _____ (hold) him close to her.

Half an hour later, the phone _____ (ring).

“Hello love. It’s Steve here. The boss _____ (just, tell) me that he _____ (want) _____ (I, take) a lorry up to Sheffield as soon as possible and return before it _____ (get) dark. Can you make me some sandwiches? You can! Good! In that case, I _____ (pick up, them) on my way to the M1. See you in twenty minutes. Bye!

Hurriedly, Jill _____ (look) _____ (see) what tins there were in the cupboard. “Corned beef?” she said to herself. “No! Ham? No.” They _____ (eat) ham the night before. “Salmon? Yes, and he _____ (prefer) that to sardines.”

Fifteen minutes later, Steve arrived.

“Hello, beautiful! Mmm. Those sandwiches _____ (smell) good! I like _____ (spoil)!” and, _____ (kiss) her quickly, he _____ (run back) to his lorry.

Jill then _____ (give) the remainder of the salmon to Jeremy, and _____ (postpone) _____ (make) the beds until she _____ (do) the shopping.

An hour later, when she _____ (return), there was Jeremy _____ (lie) on the garden path ... unconscious ...

“Good heavens! It must be that tin of salmon! And Steve! His sandwiches _____ (make) with the same salmon!”

With lightning reaction, she _____ (fly) to the phone _____ (explain) the catastrophe to Steve’s boss, and he _____ (lose) no time at all calling the police. Jill then _____ (ride) on her bicycle as fast as possible to the vet’s, where Jeremy stomach _____ (pump out).

Meanwhile, a police car _____ (race) up the motorway and trying _____ (catch up with) Steve’s lorry. Finally, they _____ (find) him in a lay-by, where he _____ (just eat) the last sandwich. Quickly _____ (explain) the situation to him, the police _____ (persuade) him to accompany them to hospital, where he _____ (suffer) the same treatment as Jeremy.

That evening, shaken, but grateful that his life _____ (save), Steve _____ (drive) home by the police.

The next morning the milkman _____ (come) to the door.

“Good morning, Mrs Johnson,” he said. “I _____ (come) _____ (see) how your cat is.”

“Oh, he’s much better, thanks! But how _____ (you, know) he was ill?”

“Well, I’m the one who did it.”

“Did it? Did what?”

“Well, yesterday morning while I _____ (come) up the garden path, I _____ (let) a bottle of milk _____ (slip out) of my hand, and it _____ (fall) on the cat’s head. It _____ (not seem) very well when I left it. I hope it’s all right.”

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