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| Verbs: Verb Tense Review |

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| *Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb in brackets.* |

Saskatoon, May 10th

Dear John,

It was too bad that you (have to) 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_miss Mom’s birthday party last week. It (be) 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_a great success.

We (plan) 3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her surprise party for months, and we (be)

4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pleased to see that it (be) 5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_everything we (hope)

6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_it (be – modal) 7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Mom (have) 8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_a great time at her party.

Most of our relatives (even - manage) 9. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to be there. Uncle Pete and Aunt Joan (fly) 10. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in from Toronto. The Smiths (drive) 11. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ down from Edmonton a few nights before. We (worry) 12. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_that Sue and Bob (make it – modal - negative) 13. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; but they (get in) 14. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_at 5 o’clock, just as the party really (start) 15. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_rolling. We all (have) 16. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_a great time.

I (wonder) 17.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_for weeks what I (modal)18.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_buy for Mom until I finally (decide) 19. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_that I (get - modal) 20.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_her a rosebush. It (be-negative) 21. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_easy to

buy something for the person who has everything, but you know how much she (like) 22.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_gardening, and in any case I (modal-negative) 23.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ think of anything else (buy) 24. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

She (say) 25. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_that she (plant) 26. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_it in her front yard last week, just beside the rock garden.

What else (modal) 27. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I tell you? Oh yeah! Our cousin Sharon (tell)

28. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_us all about the investments she (make) 29.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in an African gold mine. She (say) 30. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_that she (hope) 31. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be rich by next year! Uncle Ralph (have) 32. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_some great stories about the vacation he (take) 33. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in Italy the month before. And of course Dad (be) 34. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ really happy to have Mom join him in retirement.

In short, the party (be) 35. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_a great success, and all the work we (do)

36. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to get ready for it really (pay) 37. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_off.

We (think) 38. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of coming to see you later this summer. (be)

39. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_at home in August? If so, we (like – modal)

40. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to visit you for a few days. (panic-negative) 41. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! We (train) 42. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the kids not to pick dogs up by the ears; and we (explain)

43. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_also \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to them that glass (break)

44. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ if you drop it on the floor. Wait until you see them. They (grow)

45. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ like weeds this past year.

It really (be) 46. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_too long since we (get) 47. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_together. By August it (be) 48. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_well over a year.

Bye for now!

Your brother,

David