

## Verbs: Verb Tense Review

*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. \_\_\_\_\_.

Advanced 3 – Exercise 12 – Verbs: Verb Tense Review

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