



## Exercise 37

### Cumulative Review of the Past Tense

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) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(1)</sup> up together in the city that used to be known as West Berlin, in the former West Germany. Eric (move) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(2)</sup> 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) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(3)</sup> Eric and his family last year. Ilsa's Family (fly) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(4)</sup> from Berlin to Detroit for the visit. Although the children (never, meet) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(5)</sup> before, except through e-mail, the families (have) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(6)</sup> a great time together.

Every day for a week, the adults and the children (play) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(7)</sup>, talking, and eating together. One day, they (cook) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(8)</sup> some German recipes that (be) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(9)</sup> in the family for generations. For years, Ilsa (save) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(10)</sup> them and treasuring them in a box their mother (give) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(11)</sup> her just before she (die)<sup>(12)</sup>. One of their mother's favorites (be) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(13)</sup> a dessert called Apple Kuchen.

One night after everyone else (already, go) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(14)</sup> to bed, Eric and Ilsa (quietly, sit) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(15)</sup> and talking.

"What have you (miss) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(16)</sup> most about Berlin?" Ilsa wanted to know.

Eric (pause) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(17)</sup>, then answered, "Mostly, I miss living in a city with such wonderful landmarks. The kids and I (look) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(18)</sup> at some books about Berlin and Germany for a while before you and your family (arrive) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(19)</sup>. We (discuss) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(20)</sup> the Brandenburg Gate when Franz interrupted to ask why its image (use) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(21)</sup> as a design on some of the coins back when Germany had converted its money to euros."

"What (do) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(22)</sup> you tell him?" Ilsa asked.

"I (say) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(23)</sup> that I (not, be) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(24)</sup> sure," answered Eric, "but that I (think) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(25)</sup> it was because the gate (become) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(26)</sup> a symbol for Germany, like the Statue of Liberty had emerged as a symbol for the United States."