

## TENSE REVISION



Fill the gaps with the verbs in brackets. Use the correct form.

Every year the Greens from Boston \_\_\_\_\_ (go) on a long holiday. But before they \_\_\_\_\_ (start), they usually \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a long discussion about where to go and what to see. Their last conversation \_\_\_\_\_ (go) like this: "Where \_\_\_\_\_ (can/go/we)?" Jim \_\_\_\_\_ (ask). "Why \_\_\_\_\_ (not/go/we) to Spain?" Jack \_\_\_\_\_ (answer). "I \_\_\_\_\_ (never/be) to Germany," Molly \_\_\_\_\_ (explain). "I \_\_\_\_\_ (love) planes. If we \_\_\_\_\_ (not/go) by plane, I \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) at home!" five-year-old Tom \_\_\_\_\_ (insist). "I only hope the weather \_\_\_\_\_ (be) fine," Grandma \_\_\_\_\_ (say). Julian, the Greens' oldest son, \_\_\_\_\_ (suggest) going to Australia. Everyone \_\_\_\_\_ (like) the idea. "We \_\_\_\_\_ (always/want) to go to Australia!" \_\_\_\_\_ (say) Mr and Mrs Green. And Molly \_\_\_\_\_ (add), "I \_\_\_\_\_ (know) a lot about Australia. At one time, Australians \_\_\_\_\_ (be) mainly descendents of British and Irish immigrants. In 1931 Australia \_\_\_\_\_ (become) a member of the British Commonwealth and the British Queen \_\_\_\_\_ (be) still head of Australia today."

So the Greens \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) their holiday 'Down Under' last year. Their first stop \_\_\_\_\_ (be) Sydney and while they \_\_\_\_\_ (be) there, Julian \_\_\_\_\_ (write) a postcard to his friend Paul in Boston:

*Dear Paul,*

We \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in Sydney for three days and everything \_\_\_\_\_ (be) so exciting. The people I \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) so far, \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very friendly. We \_\_\_\_\_ (go) sightseeing in Sydney now and we \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) another two great weeks here in Australia.

Later this evening we \_\_\_\_\_ (have) dinner at an Aboriginal restaurant. Tomorrow we \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) Ayers Rock. It is said to be a fascinating place. \_\_\_\_\_ (you/ever/see) a picture of it? If the weather is fine, we \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) next Monday and Tuesday in the outback.

By the way, yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) a man who \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Boston for more than 30 years before he \_\_\_\_\_ (move) to Sydney. That's amazing!

*Love Julian*



### Solution

Every year the Greens from Boston **go** on a long holiday. But before they **start**, they usually **have** a long discussion about where to go and what to see. Their last conversation **went** like this: "Where **can we go**?" Jim **asked**. "Why **don't we go** to Spain?" Jack **answered**. "I've **never been** to Germany," Molly **explained**. "I **love** planes. If we **don't go** by plane, I'll **stay** at home!" five-year-old Tom **insisted**. "I only hope the weather **will be** fine," Grandma **said**. Julian, the Greens' oldest son, **suggested** going to Australia. Everyone **liked** the idea. "We've **always wanted** to go to Australia!" **said** Mr and Mrs Green. And Molly **added**, "I **know** a lot about Australia. At one time, Australians **were** mainly descendents of British and Irish immigrants. In 1931 Australia **became** a member of the British Commonwealth and the British Queen **is** still head of Australia today."

So the Greens **spent** their holiday 'Down Under' last year. Their first stop **was** Sydney and while they **were** there, Julian **wrote** a postcard to his friend Paul in Boston:

Dear Paul,

We've **been** in Sydney for three days and everything **is/has been** so exciting. The people I've **met** so far, **have been** very friendly. We're **going** sightseeing in Sydney now and we'll **spend/re spending** another two great weeks here in Australia.

Later this evening we'll **have/re having** dinner at an Aboriginal restaurant. Tomorrow we'll **visit/re visiting** Ayers Rock. It is said to be a fascinating place. **Have you ever seen** a picture of it? If the weather is fine, we'll **spend** next Monday and Tuesday in the outback.

By the way, yesterday I **met** a man who **had lived/lived** in Boston for more than 30 years before he **moved** to Sydney. That's amazing!

Love Julian