

# Mixed Tenses 4

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*Patrick and Sandra are talking about Sandra`s trip to New York a few weeks ago...*

**Jack:** ‘ \_\_\_\_\_ (???, be) your stay in New York last week, Sandra?’

**Sandra:** ‘It was great, thanks. I \_\_\_\_\_ (still, dream of) this fantastic city.’

**Jack:** ‘Which sights \_\_\_\_\_ (you, see) there?’

**Sandra:** ‘After we \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the Statue of Liberty, we \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) the Empire State Building.’

**Jack:** ‘Do you think \_\_\_\_\_ (you, visit) New York again some time?’

**Sandra:** ‘Yes, my friend Susan and I \_\_\_\_\_ (fly) there in our next holidays. We \_\_\_\_\_ (already, book) the flights. This will be my \_\_\_\_\_ (three) visit to New York.’

**Jack:** ‘ \_\_\_\_\_ (you, like) the Americans?’

**Sandra:** ‘Yes. I think they are much \_\_\_\_\_ (friendly) than the \_\_\_\_\_ (Britain) people and you can understand their English more \_\_\_\_\_ (easy). I \_\_\_\_\_ (give) a New York party next Friday. Would you like to come?’

**Jack:** ‘Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_ (???), thank you. Nevertheless, I have to say goodbye now. My train \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) in 10 minutes.’

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### ***Halloween***

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Yesterday it \_\_\_\_\_ **(be)** Halloween. All day long, the children \_\_\_\_\_ **(cut)** faces into some pumpkins.

In the morning Marc \_\_\_\_\_ **(write)** a letter to the 'Great Pumpkin'. He \_\_\_\_\_ **(do)** this every year because he \_\_\_\_\_ **(believe)**

that the 'Great Pumpkin' rises up \_\_\_\_\_ **(???)** the pumpkin patch every Halloween night with a bag full of toys. \_\_\_\_\_ **(you, ever, hear)** such a silly story? Nobody

else believes \_\_\_\_\_ **(???)** the 'Great Pumpkin' and so everybody laughed at him.

Only Mary \_\_\_\_\_ **(not, laugh)** at him because she is in love \_\_\_\_\_ **(???)** him and believes in anything he \_\_\_\_\_

**(say).**

All the children \_\_\_\_\_ **(receive)** an invitation to a Halloween party the day before.

Peter \_\_\_\_\_ **(be)** very happy about that as he \_\_\_\_\_ **(never, get)** an invitation to a party before.

\_\_\_\_\_ **(???)** the evening Marc sat down in the pumpkin patch and \_\_\_\_\_ **(start)** waiting. While he \_\_\_\_\_ **(wait)** there the

other children \_\_\_\_\_ **(get)** ready for the Halloween party. For hours they were cutting holes \_\_\_\_\_ **(???)** white sheets for their eyes and mouth and were

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\_\_\_\_\_ **(return)** to Marc and \_\_\_\_\_ **(sit down)** beside him in the pumpkin patch. The children received a lot \_\_\_\_\_ **(???)** sweets and so they

\_\_\_\_\_ **(be)** very happy today. Afterwards they \_\_\_\_\_ **(have)** fun at the Halloween party all night long. Marc and Mary were still waiting for the 'Great Pumpkin'.

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### ***Martha's Vineyard***

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The island is \_\_\_\_\_ (???) of the favourite holiday destinations on the east coast of the USA, famous for its lovely beaches and its many hills. It's also great for water sports like surfing and sailing. Only 15.000 people \_\_\_\_\_ (live) permanently in and around the island's six towns – Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, West Tisbury, Chilmark and Aquinnah. But in summer the total amount of people \_\_\_\_\_ (increase) to 100.000. That means the island \_\_\_\_\_ (crowd) with people and cars in the summer. Many famous people go \_\_\_\_\_ (???) holiday here, too.

The name \_\_\_\_\_ (give) to the island by the British explorer Bartholomew Gosnold, who \_\_\_\_\_ (sail) there in 1602. He named the island \_\_\_\_\_ (???) his baby daughter, Martha, and called it 'vineyard' because of the many wild grapevines that \_\_\_\_\_ (grow) there. Before Gosnold and other European settlers \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive), Wampanoag Indians \_\_\_\_\_ (live) on the island. When the Europeans \_\_\_\_\_ (one) came to the island there \_\_\_\_\_ (be) four tribes with about 3.000 members. But the native people \_\_\_\_\_ (catch) diseases the Europeans \_\_\_\_\_ (bring) with them and many died.

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