

## **EXERCISE 7**

**Complete the text by changing the verbs in brackets into a suitable past narrative form.**

Even as a child Jane Cavanagh 1. \_\_\_\_\_ (be) more at home with the circuit boards from her father's electronics business than dolls' houses. At the age of seventeen, she 2. \_\_\_\_\_ (demonstrate) her entrepreneurial capabilities by buying two cars at an auction. She 3. \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) half the summer renovating them, and afterwards she 4. \_\_\_\_\_ (sell) them at a profit. Some years later while she 5. \_\_\_\_\_ (work) for Telecom Soft, a division of BT, she 6. \_\_\_\_\_ (give) the task of developing its computer games brands. She 7. \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) to Japan and 8. \_\_\_\_\_ (build up) portfolio of products for BT to sell. All this time, games consoles 9. \_\_\_\_\_ (become) increasingly popular and she 10. \_\_\_\_\_ (realize) the sector's enormous potential. She 11. \_\_\_\_\_ (still work) for BT when she 12. \_\_\_\_\_ (approach) by FIL, a division of the French conglomerate Thomson. For some time, FIL 13. \_\_\_\_\_ (look for) someone with good contacts in Japan to expand their games development. FIL 14. \_\_\_\_\_ (offer) her the job of negotiating the rights of arcade games which could be converted into computer games. However, it 15. \_\_\_\_\_ (always be) at the back of Cavanagh's mind to start her own business. She 16. \_\_\_\_\_ (start) SCI and was in profit from day one. But she 17. \_\_\_\_\_ (operate) for less than a year when disaster 18. \_\_\_\_\_ (strike). Thomson 19. \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to wind up FIL.

## **EXERCISE 8**

**Complete the text with by putting the verbs in brackets into the correct verb form.**

On the afternoon of 6<sup>th</sup> February 1958, eight members of the Manchester United football team 1. \_\_\_\_\_ (die) tragically in a plane crash in Munich. The team, including the young Bobby Charlton, and their manager, Matt Busby, 2. \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) home to England from Belgrade. Having won the English football championship the previous year, they 3. \_\_\_\_\_ (compete) in the European Champions' Cup competition, and 4. \_\_\_\_\_ (just / win) an important match against Red Star Belgrade. The flight 5. \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) Belgrade in fine weather, but conditions in Germany 6. \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) so good; it 7. \_\_\_\_\_ (snow) and the temperature 8. \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) to below zero. The plane 9. \_\_\_\_\_ (land) at Munich airport to take on more fuel, but the pilot 10. \_\_\_\_\_ (have) some problems with the engines, and there 11. \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a delay while some checks 12. \_\_\_\_\_ (make). After he 13. \_\_\_\_\_ (complete) the refuelling, he 14. \_\_\_\_\_ (radio) the control tower to say he was ready to take off. The pilot 15. \_\_\_\_\_ (make) two successful attempt to take off, but 16. \_\_\_\_\_ (can get) enough power from the engines. As he 17. \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to take off for the third time, the disaster 18. \_\_\_\_\_ (happen). The plane 19. \_\_\_\_\_ (increase) speed and 20. \_\_\_\_\_ (almost / reach) the end of the runway when it 21. \_\_\_\_\_ (seem) suddenly to lose power. Out of control, it 22. \_\_\_\_\_ (crash) into some buildings, and then 23. \_\_\_\_\_ (burst) into flames. A total of 23 people 24. \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) their lives, including eight of the players, management staff, journalists, and aircrew. Matt Busby's dream of Manchester United becoming European Champions 25. \_\_\_\_\_ (die) that day in Munich, along with most of the team he 26. \_\_\_\_\_ (create). It 27. \_\_\_\_\_ (be) another ten years before that dream 28. \_\_\_\_\_ (finally / realize).