

**Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense: KEY**

Kevin Adams 1)...**loves**....(love) trains. He first 2)....**saw**.....(see) one when he was four years old and he 3) .....**thought**....(think) it was great. He 4)....**goes**....(go) to a different railway station every week and 5)...**writes down**...(write down) the engine number of every train he sees. He 6)...**has been doing./ has done**....(do) this since he was eight. By the time he was fifteen he 7).....**had collected**....(collect) over 10.000 different engine numbers in various counties. Once, while he 8)...**was standing**....(stand) in a station in Cheshire he saw something very unusual. He 9)....**had been waiting/ had waited**.....(wait) for over an hour for a train to go by when suddenly he 10).....**saw**....(see) a very old steam train coming down the track. It 11)...**didn't stop**.....(not/stop) at the station and, as it was passing, Kevin noticed that all the passengers 12)...**were wearing**...(wear) old-fashioned clothes. When he told the station guard about this, the poor man turned pale. He said that no steam train 13)....**has passed/had passed**...(pass) through that station for years, and that the last one 14).....**had crashed**...(crash), killing everyone on board.

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One afternoon, while I 1).....**was walking**.....(walk) in town, I 2).....**saw**... (see) a poster for a liquor promotion at a club I 3) ...**used to go**....(used to, go) to. They 4) ....**were advertising**.....(advertise) a “vodka disco”. Later that week, my friend and I 5)..**decided**....(decide) to go to this club to find out what 6) ....**was going on**.....(go on). It was a “drink-as-much-vodka-as-you-can” evening, with music and prizes for the best dancers. After we 7)....**had gone into/ went into**....(go into) the club, a man 8) .....**gave**... (give) each of us a T-shirt and a badge in the shape of a vodka bottle. To my surprise , all the drinks 9).....**were**....(be) free.

We 10) ....**didn't drink**..... (not drink) very much at all –one vodka each- but other young people 11)....**had been drinking/ had drunk**..... (drink) heavily all evening. Some of the dancers 12) ....**looked**.....(look) quite drunk.

We all know that companies 13) ....**try/ are trying**.....(try) to sell us their products and they 14) ...**use/will use**... (use) almost any means possible to encourage us to spend our money. 15) ....**Does this mean**..... (this, mean) they can convince us to buy *anything*? Even things that are bad for us?

Think about it! The last time you 16) .....**bought**.....(buy) an alcoholic drink, 17).....**was it**.....(it, be) because you really wanted it, or because an ad persuaded you to do so?