

Short stories with Mixed Tenses 2 - Be careful - some verbs are in the NEGATIVE!

A It's Saturday afternoon: John and Mary are in the kitchen:

- John: _____ you _____ my car keys? see
- Mary: No, I _____.
- John: I'm sure I _____ them on the table in the hall this morning. leave
- Mary: Perhaps you _____, but I _____ them. do - see
- John: Can I borrow your keys, then?
- Mary: No, you _____! be able to
- John: Why not?
- Mary: Because I _____ mine, too! lose

B It's Sunday afternoon:

- Mary: _____ you still _____ that jigsaw puzzle? do
- John: Yes. It _____ me a long time. take
- Mary: But you _____ it hours ago! start
- John: I know, and I _____ only _____ half of it. do
- Mary: I _____ the same puzzle last week and it only _____ me an hour! do - take
- John: Yes, but you're much _____ than me! clever
- Mary: Well, we agree on one thing at least

C Mum is talking to Jamie:

- Mum: _____ you _____ your room yet? tidy
- Jamie: No, I _____.
- Mum: Why not?
- Jamie: Well, I _____ busy! be
- Mum: But you _____ a computer game! play
- Jamie: As I _____, I _____ busy! say - be
- Mum: Well, you _____ go out until you _____ it. be able to - do
- Jamie: Don't worry, Mum. I _____ it in a minute. do

D Molly writes her diary:

- I _____ in our hotel room here in Shanghai after an exciting day. We sit
_____ just _____ back from a visit to the science museum. It get
_____ great. We _____ there on a super modern underground. be - go
There _____ so much to do and see in the museum. I _____ be - have
a great time. Dad _____ me a remote-control tractor. After the museum visit we buy
_____ to a huge restaurant and _____ Shanghai noodles. I go - eat
_____ never _____ noodles like those before, and I eat
_____ them very much. We _____ here for nearly a week like - be
now, but we still _____ a lot of exciting things to see and do. Tomorrow we have
_____ a plane to Beijing! take