

CHAPTER 14: Tense Consistency

Answer Key

PRACTICE 1

1. During World War II, a twenty-one-year-old Navy fighter pilot was flying over an island when Japanese artillery ~~shoots~~ ^{shot} at the plane. _____
2. The plane went down, and the pilot, James Huston, died. __C__
3. Many years later, a child from Louisiana had vivid dreams about the pilot's death, and in 2005, the family ~~tells~~ ^{told} their story to ABC News. _____
4. When James Leininger was eighteen months old, he ~~becomes~~ ^{became} fascinated with airplanes. _____
5. At age two, James began to have severe nightmares, and his parents ~~don't~~ ^{didn't} understand what was happening. _____
6. One night, James's father, Bruce, listened as his son ~~speaks~~ ^{spoke} about the fire in his airplane. _____
7. Over time, James revealed details about a specific plane crash and was able to describe the type of plane he ~~is flying~~ ^{was flying}. _____
8. James also said that he took off from a boat called the Natoma. __C__
9. According to the Leiningers, their small child did not have access to any war documentaries, and at that time, they never discussed World War II with James. __C__
10. As James's memories became more detailed, his father ~~decides~~ ^{decided} to do some research. _____
11. Bruce Leininger discovered that the details matched James Huston's plane crash, which ~~occurs~~ ^{occurred} at Iwo Jima, in Japan. _____
12. Today, James Huston's sister, Anna, believes that the boy is the reincarnation of her brother, and the Leiningers ~~agreed~~ ^{agreed} with her. _____

PRACTICE 2

1. A fifteenth-century British woman, Ursula Shipton, made many accurate predictions about the future. For example, she predicted that iron boats ~~will~~ ^{would} float on water, and she also said that thoughts ~~will~~ ^{would} fly around the world. She spoke of human flight, modern ships, submarines, and wireless communications. However, one of her most famous predictions ~~does~~ ^{did} not come true. She predicted that the world ~~will~~ ^{would} end in 1881.

2. In 1990, Gordon Stein wrote an article expressing his doubts about Shipton. He said that her predictions were often vague and ~~can~~ ^{could} be interpreted in many different ways. In addition, Charles Hindley, who edited an 1862 version of Shipton's verses, ~~admits~~ ^{admitted} that he added his own verses to make her prophecies seem more accurate. Perhaps readers should be skeptical when they read about ancient prophecies.

PRACTICE 3

According to Chinese astrology, one day Buddha invites all of the animals in the kingdom to the Chinese New Year's celebration. An invitation ~~was~~ ^{is} sent to the rat, and the rat ~~was~~ ^{is} asked to invite the cat. However, the rat ~~was~~ ^{is} jealous of the cat, and he ~~did~~ ^{does} not pass along the information. On the day of the celebration, only twelve animals can attend; the first to arrive is the rat and the last to arrive is the pig. Buddha ~~assigned~~ ^{assigns} each animal a year of its own, and people born in that year will have the characteristics of the animal. The next day, the cat ~~heard~~ ^{hears} about the celebration, and she ~~sent~~ ^{sends} word that she will soon arrive. Later, when the cat ~~met~~ ^{meets} Buddha, she ~~asked~~ ^{asks} to have a year named after her, but Buddha tells her that it is too late. Buddha decides that there will be no year of the cat.

FINAL REVIEW

1. The word *astrology* is an ancient Greek word that means “science of the stars.” Early humans used the stars to guide them and to help them choose when to hunt, fish, and migrate. Then, as soon as people ~~can~~ ^{could} write, they looked to the stars and ~~wrote~~ ^{wrote} of relationships between the sky and humans.

2. In the past, ancient Greeks, Aztecs, Babylonians, and Chinese all ~~develop~~ ^{developed} sophisticated astrological charts. For centuries, astrology’s appeal has endured. There ~~is~~ ^{was} a brief setback when, in 1594, Galileo proved that the earth was not the center of the universe. However, Sir Isaac Newton pointed out that astrology was about the relationships between the planets; therefore, it did not matter what the center of the universe was. Today, in this age of reason, people around the globe still ~~consulted~~ ^{consult} horoscopes.

3. It is common to find horoscopes on Internet sites and in daily newspapers and magazines. College students have mixed reactions to horoscopes. Jessie Irwin is a first-year college student, and she swears that her horoscope has been eerily accurate. In 1998, she read that she ~~will~~ ^{would} have an accident, and that evening she broke her arm in a car crash. Then, last year, her horoscope said that she ~~will~~ ^{would} find love, and she soon fell in love with someone. However, most of Jessie’s peers are dismissive of horoscopes, and they ~~did~~ ^{do} not believe in astrology. Her friend Brian Bowman says that horoscopes are worthless, and anybody who ~~believed~~ ^{believes} in them is a little crazy.

4. In the past, many astrologers focused on predictions. One of the most famous fortune-tellers was Jeane Dixon, who died in 1997. In 1960, Dixon predicted that the next

would *would*
president ~~will~~ be a Democrat and ~~will~~ be assassinated. When President John F. Kennedy
was elected and subsequently killed, Dixon's fame skyrocketed. However, many of
Dixon's predictions were inaccurate. For example, she predicted that World War III
would *could* *would*
~~will~~ begin in 1958, and she said that Russia ~~can~~ and ~~will~~ be the first nation to place a
man on the moon. Of course, both predictions were wrong. Today, most astrologers
avoid
~~avoided~~ making predictions about future events. Instead, they concentrate on making
links between astrological signs and personality traits.