**Tense Review-3**

**Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense.**

On Monday, just as I **(TRY) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to wind down after a long working day, the telephone **(RING) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: “Is that you, Helen?” someone asked on the phone. “Yes, this **(BE) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** me,” I replied. “Sandra speaking, my friend. I need to talk to you right now,” she said in a desperate voice. She was a quiet girl who always tried not to call you when you **(just/ ARRIVE) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** from work. She never wanted to disturb her friends, so I knew something serious **(GO) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** on. “I **(not/ HEAR)** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**from you in a week. What **(you/ DO) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** lately?” I asked Sandra. “To tell you the truth,” she said “I **(HAVE) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** a lot of problems with my boyfriend recently,” she continued. “**(you/WANT) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**to talk about it?” I asked. I **(not/ FINISH) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** saying the phrase that she started crying. “You **(not/ BELIEVE) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** what happened to me last week,” she said. “It was Saturday morning and my boyfriend **(TELL) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** me he **(PICK) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** me up at 8 pm to go out for dinner at a fancy restaurant downtown. Eight o’clock arrived. I was at home, ready to **(PICK) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**up. It was nine o’clock and my boyfriend **(not/ APPEAR) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** or **(CALL) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** I **(BEGIN) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to get worried when my telephone **(RING) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: “Your boyfriend is cheating on you! You can catch him red-handed at this very moment. Go to Rodham road and Sixth and you’ll see...” I could not believe what I **(just/ HEAR) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** buy anyway, I went to the place the female voice **(INDICATE) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and there he was: he **(KISS) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**a girl as he **(never/ KISS) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** me before. When he saw me he said that he **(BE) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**sorry and promised he **(never/ DO) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**it again. I don’t know what to do. I love him but he **(really/ HURT) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** my feelings. Tell me, Helen, what **(you/DO) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** if you were me?” Sandra asked me. “Look, if I **(BE) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** you, I **(FORGIVE)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** him temporarily until I **(GET) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** a new, better candidate,” I replied. “I don’t know,” she said. “I think everything will depend on his next move. If he **(CALL) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**me and apologizes for what he **(DO) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, I guess I**(GIVE) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** him a second chance. I love him and I want to be happy with him. What do you think, Helen?” she asked me. “I think you **(not/ NEED) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** my opinion; you **(already/ MAKE) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** a decision. I just hope it **(BE) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**the right one,” I said.

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**ANSWER KEY:**

1. **was trying**
2. **rang**
3. **is**
4. **had just arrived**
5. **was going**
6. **have not heard**
7. **have you been doing**
8. **have had/ have been having**
9. **do you want**
10. **had not finished**
11. **will not believe**
12. **told**
13. **would pick**
14. **to be picked**
15. **had not appeared**
16. **called**
17. **had begun**
18. **rang**
19. **had just heard**
20. **had indicated**
21. **was kissing**
22. **had never kissed**
23. **was**
24. **would never do**
25. **has really hurt/ really hurt**
26. **would you do**
27. **were**
28. **would forgive**
29. **got**
30. **calls**
31. **has done/ did**
32. **would give**
33. **do not need**
34. **have already made**
35. **is/ will**