

MIXED TENSES

Fill in the blanks with the correct tenses. Write next to the line which tense you have used!

Benjamin _____ (to be) an exchange student. He _____ just _____ (to arrive) in the USA and _____ (to stay) there for one year to live in a host family. His new "sister" _____ now _____ (to show) him the house where he is going to stay. Obviously she is very proud..



exchange student - Austauschschüler
host family - Gastfamilie
obviously - offensichtlich
great-grandfather - Urgroßvater
renovate - renovieren
wallpapers - Tapeten
ladder - Leiter
funny – lustig, komisch

"This is our house. Our family _____ (to live) in it for almost 70 years. My great-grandfather _____ (to build) it when he _____ (to be) still a young man. My great-grandmother moved in after they _____ (to get) married. She _____ (to live) here since 1934 and she still _____ (to live) here. She _____ (to have) a room at the back of the house. Our next door neighbours _____ (not have) such a long family tradition – they _____ (to buy) their house in 1996. Of course our house is much better.

Last year we _____ (to renovate) a lot. We _____ (to paint) all the windows and _____ (to hang) new wallpapers. Not so very long ago we also _____ (to put) in new carpets. Something very funny _____ (to happen) when we were renovating: While my father _____ (to stand) on the ladder with a pail of paint, the phone suddenly _____ (to ring). He _____ (to be surprised) that he _____ (to spill) the paint all over himself. Can you imagine? He looked just like a ghost, all white and he made funny sounds. Even a week later he still _____ (to have) some paint left in his hair.

Look, this is the dining room. Here we always _____ (to eat) dinner at 6 p.m. every evening. Sometimes, though, it gets a bit later. Every Tuesday dad _____ (to make) a barbecue. _____ you _____ (to like) that? I love it! He _____ (to make) some Hamburgers right now.

Yummy!
But let me show you your room now. I hope you will like it.."

