**A tense moment**

*Fill in the verbs in their correct forms.*

**High flier**

John (1)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*always travel*) a lot. In fact, he (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*be*) only two years old when he first (3)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*fly*) to the US. His mother (4)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*be*) Italian and his father (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*be*) American. John (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*be born*) in France, but his parents (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*meet*) in Cologne, after they (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*live*) next door to each other for five years without even saying hello. They just (9)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*meet*) by chance one day while John's father (10)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*read*) a book in the library and his mother (11)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*sit*) beside him. They (12) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*start*) chatting and the rest, as they say, (13) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*be*) history.

As a matter of fact, John (14) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*visit*) his parents in France at the moment.   
He (15)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*live*) in New York permanently now, but (16)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*stay*) with his parents for the past few weeks. He really (17)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*enjoy*) living in New York, but he also (18) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*love*) coming to visit his parents at least once a year.

This year he (19)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*fly*) over 50,000 miles in the course of his work.   
He (20)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*work*) for Jackson & Co. for almost two years now.   
He (21)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*be*) pretty sure that he (22)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*work*) for them this time next year as well. His job (23)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*require*) a lot of travel. In fact, by the end of this year, he (24)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*travel*) over 120,000 miles! His next trip (25) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*be*) to Australia. He (26) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*not like*) making that trip because it is so far. This time he (27)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*fly*) from Paris after a meeting with the company's French partner.   
He (28)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*sit*) on the plane for over 18 hours by the time he (29) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*arrive*)!

John (30)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*have*) dinner with his parents when his girlfriend from New York (31) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*phone*) to let him know that Jackson & Co. (32)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*decide*) to merge with a company in Australia. The two companies (33)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*negotiate*) for the past month, so the news (34)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*not come*) as any surprise. Of course, this (35)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*mean*) that John (36)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*have*) to catch the next plane back to New York. This time tomorrow he (37)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*sit*) with his boss in a meeting. He really (38)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*try*) to grab some sleep on the plane if he can. Still, John (39)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*not accept*) his current job if they (40) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*not allow*) him to travel first class every time!

**KEY**

**High flier**

John (1) **has always travelled** a lot. In fact, he (2) **was** only two years old when he first (3) **flew** to the US. His mother (4) **is** Italian and his father (5) **is** American. John (6) **was born** in France, but his parents (7) **had met / met** in Cologne, after they (8) **had been living** next door to each other for five years without even saying hello. They (9) just **met** by chance one day while John's father (10) **was reading** a book in the library and his mother (11) **was sitting** beside him. They (12) **started** chatting and the rest, as they say, (13) **is** history.

As a matter of fact, John (14) **is visiting** his parents in France at the moment. He (15) **lives** in New York permanently now, but (16) **has been staying** with his parents for the past few weeks. He really (17) **enjoys** living in New York, but he also (18) **loves** coming to visit his parents at least once a year.

This year he (19) **has flown** over 50,000 miles in the course of his work. He (20) **has been working** for Jackson & Co. for almost two years now. He (21) **is** pretty sure that he (22) **will be working** for them this time next year as well. His job (23) **requires** a lot of travel. In fact, by the end of this year, he (24) **will have travelled** over 120,000 miles! His next trip (25) **will be / is** to Australia. He (26) **doesn’t like** making that trip because it is so far. This time he (27) **is going to fly / will be** **flying** from Paris after a meeting with the company's French partner. He (28) **will have been sitting** on the plane for over 18 hours by the time he (29) **arrives**!

John (30) **was having** dinner with his parents when his girlfriend from New York (31) **phoned** to let him know that Jackson & Co. (32) **had decided** to merge with a company in Australia. The two companies (33) **had been negotiating** for the past month, so the news (34) **didn’t come** as any surprise. Of course, this (35) **means** that John (36) **will have** to catch the next plane back to New York. This time tomorrow he (37) **will be sitting** with his boss in a meeting. He really (38) **should try** to grab some sleep on the plane if he can. Still, John (39) **wouldn’t have accepted** his current job if they (40) **hadn’t allowed** him to travel first class every time!