



Choosing the right tense - answers

Sam enjoys reading a magazine that contains a pen-pal section. She's seen a letter from Angie that she'd like to reply to but has trouble putting some of the verbs into the right tense. **The correct tenses are shown in her letter below (the incorrect tenses have been deleted):**

Dear Angie,

Hello! My name is Sam. I **saw** /~~see~~ /~~will see~~ your letter asking for a pen pal in this month's Cross-Stitch magazine. As soon as I **finished** /~~finish~~ /~~will finish~~ reading your letter I **decided** /~~decide~~ /~~will decide~~ to reply.

I **lived** /~~live~~ /~~will live~~ in Rotherham with my partner Ian and our two children Heather and James. I **worked** /~~work~~ /~~will work~~ part-time at a local supermarket. I also **made** /~~make~~ /~~will make~~ cross-stitch pictures for other people. I **sold** /~~sell~~ /~~will sell~~ some of the things at local craft fairs.

I never **liked** /~~like~~ /~~will like~~ sewing when I was at school. I **changed** /~~change~~ /~~will change~~ my mind when I **was** /~~am~~ /~~will be~~ in a car crash. I **stayed** /~~stay~~ /~~will stay~~ in hospital for several weeks. My mum **bought** /~~buy~~ /~~will buy~~ me a cross-stitch kit. She said it would help to pass the time.

I began making cards for friends, then I **stitched** /~~stitch~~ /~~will stitch~~ a picture for each of my children and I **made** /~~make~~ /~~will make~~ a sampler as a wedding present. People **started** /~~start~~ /~~will start~~ asking me to do kits that they had been given. It's great. I'm paid for doing something that I enjoy.

One day I **stopped** /~~stop~~ /~~will stop~~ working at the supermarket and set up my own business designing and completing cross-stitch patterns. I will have to improve my writing and my maths first. So I **hoped** /~~hope~~ /~~will hope~~ that you **replied** /~~reply~~ /~~will reply~~ because I need the practice and it **was** /~~is~~ /~~will be~~ great to be able to write to someone who likes sewing as much as I do.

Best wishes,

Sam.