



### Worksheet A

#### 1 Read out your sentences with the correct future in the past for others to guess if they are true or false.

- 1 On 26th September 1983, a Soviet Lieutenant General received a computer message saying that a nuclear missile (*about / strike*) the Soviet Union. Though he was (*point / launch*) nuclear missiles to retaliate, he decided it was a computer error and avoided a nuclear war. True
- 2 In the early 20th Century, the then US President Roosevelt (*going / build*) a national network of high-altitude monorails. Construction (*about / start*) when the car was invented. False
- 3 Madonna (*originally / plan / become*) a lawyer, but she dropped out of university after forming a band. False
- 4 Jack Black (*about / accept*) a part in the original *Star Wars* film in the 1970s, when he changed his mind, saying he 'didn't think it (*going / be*) successful'. False
- 5 Games giant Nintendo considered creating the 'Nintendolphin' for the 3DS – a game whereby players (*would / raise*) a virtual dolphin. True

### Worksheet B

#### 1 Read out your sentences with the correct future in the past for others to guess if they are true or false.

- 1 When John Lennon was 5 years old, he had to choose between moving with his father to New Zealand or staying with his mother in Liverpool. He was (*point / leave*) with his father when his mother started crying, and he ran back to her. Had he moved with his father, The Beatles (*would / never / have / happen*). True
- 2 Tatlin's Tower (*meant / be*) a utopian monument built in St. Petersburg. It (*would / dwarf*) the Eiffel Tower and rotated once every year, but was never built. True
- 3 In 1975, a US Major (*verge / start*) a nuclear war after seeing an approaching missile on his radar screen. He was (*about / order*) an attack, when he realised that the 'missile' he had seen was actually a bit of the sandwich he'd been eating. False
- 4 Christopher Columbus, en route to discover America, (*supposed / stop*) on the way in Africa, to pick up supplies for the Italian royal family. He (*about / stop*) there, when he changed his mind and continued his journey in order to save time. Had he stopped, he would have hit a terrible storm and never discovered America. False
- 5 The singer Bob Dylan (*originally / going / use*) his given name Robert Allen, but changed his mind after he read some of Dylan Thomas's poems. True

### Worksheet C

#### 1 Read out your sentences with the correct future in the past for others to guess if they are true or false.

- 1 X-Seed 4000 (*going / be*) a 4 km-high building. It (*mean / hold*) a city within its structure and it (*would / be*) the world's tallest building, but it was never built. True
- 2 Ancient Greeks planned to build an underwater city in the Mediterranean Sea. It (*supposed / provide*) protection from attacks, as it couldn't be seen from a ship. False
- 3 Stalin (*going / build*) a huge tunnel between Moscow and Leningrad (now St. Petersburg). It (*mean / allow*) travel between the two cities in the event of a nuclear war. False
- 4 On departing from Southampton on its maiden voyage, the *Titanic* caused huge waves in the harbour, which caused the *SS New York* to move and break free of its ropes. The *SS New York* (*about / crash*) into the *Titanic*, when it was rescued by smaller boats. True
- 5 The British government (*plan / build*) the London Ringways as a series of circular motorways expanding from the city centre in the 1960s. Parts of it were (*verge / be*) completed, when a campaign to build more homes meant it was cancelled. True

## SOLUTIONS OF GRAMMAR 8A

### Worksheet A:

1 was about to strike, on the point of launching

2 was going to build, was about to start

3 was originally planning to become

4 was about to accept was going to be

6 would raise / would have raised

### Worksheet B:

1 on the point of leaving, would never have happened

2 was meant to be, would dwarf / would have dwarfed

3 was on the verge of starting, about to order

4 was supposed to stop, was about to stop

5 was originally going to use

### Worksheet C:

1 was going to be, was meant to hold, would be / would have been

2 was supposed to provide

3 was going to build, was meant to allow

4 was about to crash

5 was planning to build, on the verge of being