Exercise 37

Cumulative Review of the Past Tense
Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in any aspect of the past tense.

Eric and Ilsa are brother and sister. They (grow) _______ (1) up together in the city that used to be known as West Berlin, in the former West Germany. Eric (move) _______ _______ (2) to the United States decades ago, before the eastern and western parts of both Berlin and Germany were reunited in 1990.

Ilsa and her family (visit) __________ (3) Eric and his family last year. Ilsa's Family (fly) __________ (4) from Berlin to Detroit for the visit. Although the children (never, meet) _______ _______ _______ (5) before, except through e-mail, the families (have) _______ (6) a great time together.

Every day for a week, the adults and the children (play)_______ _______ (7), talking, and eating together. One day, they (cook) _______ _______ _______ (8) some German recipes that (be) _______ _______ _______ (9) in the family for generations. For years, Ilsa (save) _______ _______ _______ (10) them and treasuring them in a box their mother (give) _______ _______ _______ (11) her just before she (die)_______ (12). One of their mother's favorites (be) _______ _______ _______ (13) a dessert called Apple Kuchen.

One night after everyone else (already, go) _______ _______ _______ _______ (14) to bed, Eric and Ilsa (quietly, sit) _______ _______ _______ (15) and talking.

"What have you (miss) ____________ (16) most about Berlin?" Ilsa wanted to know.

Eric (pause) ____________ (17), then answered, "Mostly, I miss living in a city with such wonderful landmarks. The kids and I (look) _______ _______ _______ _______ (18) at some books about Berlin and Germany for a while before you and your family (arrive) _______ _______ _______ (19). We (discuss) _______ _______ _______ (20) the Brandenburg Gate when Franz interrupted to ask why its image (use) _______ _______ _______ (21) as a design on some of the coins back when Germany had converted its money to euros."

"What (do) _______ (22) you tell him?" Ilsa asked.

"I (say) _______ _______ that I (not, be) _______ _______ _______ (24) sure," answered Eric, “but that I (think) _______ (25) it was because the gate (become) _______ _______ _______ (26) a symbol for Germany, like the Statue of Liberty had emerged as a symbol for the United States."