

Exercise 1

- **Complete the following passage by supplying the correct form of the verb**

I was delighted _____ (get) your letter this morning. I really ought _____ (write) to you- it _____ (to be) my turn, I _____ (know) -but I _____ (be) terribly busy. The children _____ (seem _____ (take up) all my time. I _____ (thinking) of _____ (send) Ann to a nursery school. She'll be four next month. Baby _____ just _____ (start) _____ (walk) and _____ (not, give) me a moment's peace. But you _____ (know) what is like! How _____ (be) your children? I _____ (be) sure they _____ (love) _____ (live) in the country. I' _____ (be) afraid we _____ (not, can) _____ (come over) _____ (see) you next Sunday, as you _____ (suggest.) Tom's mother _____ (come) _____ (spend) the day with us. What about the Sunday after that- the twenty- second? We _____ (be) free that day and should _____ (love) _____ (come) . We _____ (long) _____ (see) your new house.

Key

I was delighted **to get** your letter this morning. I really ought **to have written** to you- it **was** my turn, I **know**-but I **have been** terribly busy. The children **seem to take up** all my time. I **am thinking** of **sending** Ann to a nursery school. She'll be four next month. Baby **has** just **started to walk** and **doesn't give** me a moment's peace. But you **know** what is like! How **are** your children? I'm sure they **love living** in the country. I'm afraid we **can't come over to see** you next Sunday, as you **suggest**. Tom's mother **is coming to spend** the day with us. What about the Sunday after that- the twenty- second? We **are** free that day and should **love to come**. We're **longing to see** your new house.