Read the story. Answer the questions.

1. What time does Robert’s father tell him to brush his teeth?
2. Is Robert in bed at 9:00?
3. What is Robert doing at 9:00?
4. Can Robert stay up a little longer?
5. What is Robert’s bedtime?
6. Does Robert’s friend Richard have a bedtime?
7. Does Richard’s family have a lot of rules?
8. What does Richard bring for lunch?
9. What does Richard wear to school?
10. When does Robert’s father say he is sorry?
11. Does Robert’s father explain why their family has rules?
12. Why does Robert’s father want him to get enough sleep?
13. Why does Robert’s father want him to eat good food?
14. Are children supposed to wear T-shirts and jeans at school?
15. How late is Robert going to stay up when he is his father’s age?
Write the past tense of each verb. Then write a sentence in the past tense. Practice your pronunciation.

1. open
   _______ ________________________________

2. brush
   _______ ________________________________

3. be
   _______ ________________________________

4. return
   _______ ________________________________

5. play
   _______ ________________________________

6. turn off
   _______ ________________________________

7. stay up
   _______ ________________________________

8. wake up
   _______ ________________________________

9. cry
   _______ ________________________________

10. go
    _______ ________________________________

11. have
    _______ ________________________________

12. bring
    _______ ________________________________

13. wear
    _______ ________________________________

14. sit down
    _______ ________________________________

15. follow
    _______ ________________________________

16. explain
    _______ ________________________________

17. get
    _______ ________________________________

18. try
    _______ ________________________________

19. sound
    _______ ________________________________

20. laugh
    _______ ________________________________
Time for Bed

Listen to your teacher. Write the missing words.

It’s 8:45 P.M. and Robert’s father __________ Robert’s bedroom door. He says, “Bedtime is _____ fifteen minutes. Brush your teeth and be ready for bed _____ 9:00.”

Robert’s father returns at 9:00. Robert is still playing in _______ bedroom. His father says, “Turn _______ the lights, Robert. It’s time for bed.”

“May I please ________ up a little while longer, Dad? I’m not tired yet.”

“No,” says Robert’s father. “_______ bedtime is 9:00. You need to wake up early for _______ tomorrow.”

“But,” cries Robert, “that isn’t fair!”

“What isn’t _________?” asks Robert’s father.

“It isn’t fair that I have to go to _______ so early.”

“It isn’t early. All ten-year-olds go to bed at this _________.”

“Not _______ of them. My friend Richard doesn’t have a bedtime. He can go to bed whenever he wants to. Sometimes he never goes to bed. He stays up all _________ long.”

“Oh, really?”

“Believe me, Dad. It’s _________. Richard’s family doesn’t have rules about going to bed. They don’t have _________ at all! Richard
can do anything he wants to do. He brings candy and __________ for lunch. Richard also wears T-shirts and jeans to school."

“Well,” says Robert’s ____________, “that is Richard’s family. This is our family. You are a part of this ____________. Now it is 9:10. It’s ten minutes past your bedtime. Please _____ to bed now!”

The next morning Robert and his father _______ down to eat breakfast. “I’m sorry about getting angry last night,” says his father.

“Me too,” says Robert. “But I don’t like being the __________ kid with babyish rules to follow.”

“Let me explain why ________ have rules in our family,” says Robert’s father. “I want you to get enough sleep so that you can ______ attention in school and _____ a good student. I want you to eat good _________ so your body stays healthy. Children are not supposed to wear T-shirts _______ jeans at your school. We follow the rules. We are trying to do the ________ thing, Robert. Does that sound fair?”

“Yes, Dad. I guess ____,” says Robert. “But when I’m your age, I’m staying up until 10:00.”

“That sounds ________ fair to me!” laughs Robert’s father.