

EXERCISE 28-1 Verb tense and mood

Edit the following sentences to eliminate errors in verb tense or mood. If a sentence is correct, write “correct” after it. Example:

After the path ~~was~~ ^{had been} plowed, we were able to walk through the park.
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- a. The palace of Knossos in Crete is believed to have been destroyed by fire around 1375 B.C.E.
 - b. Watson and Crick discovered the mechanism that controlled inheritance in all life: the workings of the DNA molecule.
 - c. When Hitler decided to kill the Jews in 1941, did he know that Himmler and his SS had mass murder in mind since 1938?
 - d. This isn't the Waldorf; if it were, we wouldn't be here.
 - e. As soon as my aunt applied for the position of pastor, the post was filled by an inexperienced seminary graduate who had been so hastily snatched that his mortarboard was still in midair.
1. Don Quixote, in Cervantes's novel, was an idealist ill suited for life in the real world.
 2. The hurricane tore up the palm trees, lifted them over the hotel roof, and had dropped them into the swimming pool.
 3. I would like to have been on the *Mayflower* but not to have lived through the first winter.
 4. When the doctor said “It's a girl,” I was stunned. For nine months I dreamed about playing baseball with my son.
 5. If men and women were angels, no government would be necessary.