

Mixed-Tenses Exercise: Add the correct form of the verb in brackets (e.g. present simple, past simple, continuous form, infinitive, passive, etc.)

Casement \_\_\_\_\_ (be) born in Dublin, the son of a British Army officer of Protestant background in Ulster and a Catholic mother from Co. Cork. After both his parents \_\_\_\_\_ (die), Protestant relatives in Co. Antrim \_\_\_\_\_ (raise) him. In 1883, Casement \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) to the Congo and \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) most of the next 20 years in West Africa and Central Africa, initially \_\_\_\_\_ (work) for various commercial interests, and, in 1892, he \_\_\_\_\_ (join) the British colonial service. In 1903, he \_\_\_\_\_ (write) a report on the Congo that \_\_\_\_\_ (expose) atrocities on rubber plantations. In 1908, Casement \_\_\_\_\_ (become) consul general in Rio de Janeiro, and his report on the brutal exploitation of Putumayo Indians \_\_\_\_\_ (work) on a rubber plantation in Peru \_\_\_\_\_ (issue) in 1911. He \_\_\_\_\_ (knight) for his humanitarian efforts in 1911. He \_\_\_\_\_ (retire) from the consular service in 1913. Meanwhile, Casement \_\_\_\_\_ (become involved) in the Irish language movement and nationalist politics, \_\_\_\_\_ (join) the Gaelic League in 1903 and the Irish Volunteers in 1913. He \_\_\_\_\_ (publish) an open letter in 1914, \_\_\_\_\_ (condemn) British government policies in Ireland. When World War I \_\_\_\_\_ (break out), he \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Germany in an unsuccessful attempt \_\_\_\_\_ (form) an Irish brigade from among Irish prisoners of war in order to \_\_\_\_\_ (fight) the British Empire, and he also \_\_\_\_\_ (seek) arms for an Irish rebellion. Upon Casement's return to Ireland on a German submarine in April 1916, just before the Easter Rising, the Royal Irish Constabulary \_\_\_\_\_ (capture) him near Tralee, in Co. Kerry. During his subsequent trial, British officials privately \_\_\_\_\_ (spread) insinuations about Casement's homosexuality on the basis of the so-called "Black Diaries," which \_\_\_\_\_ purportedly \_\_\_\_\_ (be discovered) among his possessions, to circumvent efforts \_\_\_\_\_ (gain) him leniency. Just before he \_\_\_\_\_ (hang) on 3 August 1916, Casement \_\_\_\_\_ (convert) to Catholicism. Casement's reported homosexuality \_\_\_\_\_ (make) him a problematic national martyr in the socially conservative Irish Free State. Debates \_\_\_\_\_ (continue) over the authenticity of the diaries, although the scholarly consensus now \_\_\_\_\_ (accept) them. In 1965, after a protracted campaign, the British and Irish governments \_\_\_\_\_ (agree) to repatriate Casement's remains, and they were \_\_\_\_\_ (inter) in Glasnevin Cemetery, Dublin, after a state funeral.