

It was quite late in the evening when I walked into the Central café, and everybody else there (1) *ate / was eating* while they talked to their friends.

We (2) *arranged / had arranged* to meet there as it was close to the station, and also because we (3) *used to go / were going* there when we were at the local school. In those days we (4) *had spent / would spend* hours chatting over a cup of coffee, but then we both (5) *were going / went away* to university and sadly we lost touch with each other.

Until last Friday, when quite by chance we (6) *would meet / met* on the train. She (7) *gave / was giving* me her phone number and on Saturday morning I called her and we decided to meet at the Central.

By ten o'clock, though, I (8) *'d been waiting / 'd waited* for nearly an hour, and I (9) *was starting / used to start* to worry. I checked my mobile phone to see if she (10) *'d sent / sent* me a text message and, to my horror, I realised that I (11) *forgot / 'd forgotten* to switch it on.

As soon as I (12) *had / did* so, I saw there were two messages from Sophie. In the first, at 8 p.m., she (13) *used to suggest / suggested* meeting at the station instead of the café; in the second she said she (14) *gave up / 'd given up* waiting for me and she had to go home. Instantly I forgot about dinner and (15) *ran / had run* out of the café towards the station.

Meeting at the station

Choose the correct options to complete the text

