

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

