

I. Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple or the past continuous.

THE ANT AND THE DOVE

On a hot day of summer, an ant (1. search) _____ for some water. After walking around for some time, she (2. come) _____ near the river. To drink the water, she climbed up on a small rock. While she (3. try) _____ to drink a water, she (4. slip) _____ and (5. fall) _____ into the river.

There was a dove sitting on a branch of a tree who (6. see) _____ the ant falling into the river. The dove quickly (7. pluck) _____ a leaf and (8. drop) _____ it into the river near the struggling ant. The ant (9. climb) _____ onto the leaf and reached the shore safely.

Soon later, the ant (10. see) _____ a bird catcher getting ready to trap the dove with his net. The dove (11. rest) _____ and he had no idea about the bird catcher. When the bird catcher was about to throw his net, the ant (12. bite) _____ him on the foot. Feeling the pain, the bird catcher dropped his net and (13. let) _____ out a light scream. The dove (14. notice) _____ it and quickly (15. fly) _____ away.

II. Write the correct tense or form of the verbs in brackets.

1. Do Son Buffalo Fighting Festival _____ (hold) every year on the 9th day of the eighth lunar month.
2. Everything is going well. We _____ (not have) any problems so far.
3. Perfume Festival _____ (take) place at the Perfume Pagoda on the 15th day of the 1st lunar month.
4. Little Red Riding Hood _____ (walk) through the forest when she met a wicked wolf.
5. _____ (you/ watch) this programme or can I turn the TV off?
6. My friends and I _____ (not play) football at 3p.m yesterday because it was raining hard at that time.
7. The Hung King Temple Festival _____ (recognise) as a national holiday in 2007.
8. When I shouted, they _____ (jump) off the roof and _____ (run) away.
9. What _____ (you/do) when you've spent all your money?
10. The Chinese custom of binding feet to make them smaller _____ (cease) in the twentieth century.

III. Supply the correct form of the words in brackets.

1. He calls people sir and madam and he is very _____. (respect)
2. In Japan, up until recently, marriages were _____ arranged by a special matchmaker. (custom)
3. There is the *Poh Bang* _____ by a magician in the temple. (perform)

4. A fairy tale usually involves _____ creatures and magic. (image)
5. In the story, a _____ rescues Red Riding Hood with his axe. (woodcut)
6. When Alice heard footsteps, she was _____ and started to run. (fright)
7. Cinderella's stepmothers was _____ and treated her _____. (kind - bad)
8. Jack is very bright, but he's also _____ of his accomplishments at school. (boast)
9. When Jack was going to the market, he met a _____. (magic)
10. She smiled _____, waved, and vanished into thin air. (wicked)