

**1) Complete the text by writing one word in each space.**

When I was a young man I spent a year in France, studying French at the University of Grenoble. Every Friday I (1) *would* ..... eat at the Alps café. I didn't (2) ..... to spend much money, as I (3) ..... not afford it, but it was a little tradition of mine to eat there. Anyway, I'm going to tell you a true story which happened on one occasion when I (4) ..... eating there. I remember I was having a pasta dish at (5) ..... time. A beautiful girl came up to me and said, 'I was (6) ..... if you wanted to walk with me in the park?' I had never seen her (7) ..... , so I was rather taken aback. I was (8) ..... to go with her when I noticed a tough-looking man was watching our every movement. (9) ..... my discomfort, the girl whispered to me, in English, 'Park – five minutes!', and then disappeared. Well, my bill (10) ..... ages to arrive, and by the time I (11) ..... to the park, there was no sign of the girl. I asked an old lady (12) ..... was sitting there if she (13) ..... seen a young girl waiting around. I described the girl to her. The old lady said that the girl (14) ..... had to rush to the railway station, and that I (15) ..... to follow her there urgently. She had also left me a note. It said, 'I will explain everything. Meet me on platform 6.'

**2) Put each verb in brackets into a suitable past verb form.**

- a) I realised that someone *was stealing* ..... (steal) my wallet when I *felt* ..... (feel) their hand in my jacket pocket.
- b) When I ..... (phone) Helen last night she ..... (wash) her hair.
- c) Peter ..... (offer) me another drink but I decided I ..... (had) enough.
- d) Nobody ..... (watch), so the little boy ..... (take) the packet of sweets from the shelf and ..... (put) it in his pocket.

- e) I ..... (not/realise) that I  
..... (leave) my umbrella on the bus until it  
..... (start) to rain.
- f) At school I ..... (dislike) the maths teacher because  
he ..... (always/pick) on me.
- g) Wherever Marion ..... (find) a job, there was  
someone who ..... (know) that she  
..... (go) to prison.
- h) Several years later I ..... (find out) that during all  
the time I ..... (write) to my pen friend, my mother  
..... (open) and reading the replies!
- i) I ..... (not/understand) what  
..... (go on). Several people  
..... (shout) at me, and one passer-by  
..... (wave) a newspaper in front of my face.
- j) I ..... (know) I ..... (do) well in my  
exams even before I ..... (receive) the official results.