

Past Simple and Past Continuous

Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

1. She _____ IT when she _____ her first business.
2. He _____ me he wanted to quit his job while we _____ lunch.
3. While I _____ the slides, the electricity _____.
4. We _____ tired so we _____ to have a break.
5. What _____ this morning? I _____ to phone you twice.
6. I _____ about Carla when she _____ me.
7. It suddenly _____ to rain while we _____ in the park.
8. When I _____ to the office, everyone _____.

Complete the article using the Past Simple or Past Continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Airbnb's co-founders, Joe Gebbia and Brian Chesky, were friends from design school in New York. In 2007, they _____ (share) an apartment in San Francisco. They _____ (both / look) for work and having a hard time paying their rent. When they _____ (hear) a design conference was coming to San Francisco, and the city's hotels were fully booked, they _____ (decide) to offer their flat as cheap accommodation to participants. They quickly designed a simple website and soon _____ (find) three paying guests who slept on airbeds on their living-room floor. They even cooked their guests breakfast and that's where the Airbnb name came from. They charged \$80 each a night. As they _____ (wave) their guests goodbye, they thought they had a new business concept – the idea of a sharing economy.

In the summer of 2008 they had 800 listings but the site _____ (not make) any money.
So they _____ (fly) to New York, the city where they had the most customers, to
find out what problems people _____ (have) with the service. They found that many of
their listing photos were poor quality, so they rented a professional camera
and _____ (take) photos of people's apartments. Today, Airbnb has hosted over 35
million guests in 34,000 towns and cities around the world.