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EX1: Give the correct form of the verbs on brackets

Last summer, my friends and I went on a camping trip in the Blackwood Forest. By the time we (1. arrive) _____ at the campsite, the sun (2. already / go) _____ down. We were completely exhausted because we (3. hike) _____ continuously for seven hours under the hot sun. While John (4. struggle) _____ to put up the tent in the dark, it suddenly (5. start) _____ pouring with rain. I quickly ran back to our car for shelter, but then I realized to my horror that I (6. drop) _____ the car keys somewhere on the trail. My friend Sarah was furious; she (7. complain) _____ about this trip since we left home, and this disaster made it even worse! We (8. search) _____ in the dark with our phone flashlights for nearly half an hour when a park ranger finally (9. appear) _____ out of nowhere. He asked us what exactly we (10. do) _____ right before we lost the keys, and kindly offered to help us find them.

EX2: Find and correct the mistake

1. When I was walking to the subway station, I was meeting my former manager.

2. I couldn't hand in the report yesterday because I didn't finish it by the time the boss asked for it.

3. The employees were waiting in the meeting room for an hour before the CEO finally arrived.

4. While the chef had prepared the main course, the fire alarm suddenly went off.

5. He had been writing five important emails since the morning before his internet connection dropped.

6. We decided to cancel the outdoor event because it had rained heavily at that exact moment.

7. The streets in our neighborhood were deeply flooded this morning because it was raining continuously all night.

8. After she was finishing her amazing presentation, the whole audience clapped loudly.

9. I was knowing the truth about the missing documents for a long time, but I didn't say anything yesterday.

10. By the time the security guard got to the scene, the shoplifter escaped through the back door.

EX3: Rewrite the sentences without changing their meanings

1. I read the instruction manual carefully. Then I assembled the new furniture.
→ Before I _____
2. It started snowing at 8 AM. We were driving to the ski resort and finally arrived at 11 AM.
→ By the time we arrived at the ski resort, it _____
3. Someone stole his passport during his sleep on the night train.
→ While he _____
4. The band started practicing at 2 PM. At 5 PM, the manager walked in, and they were still practicing.
→ When the manager walked in at 5 PM, the band _____
5. The mechanic repaired my broken engine for two hours, and then I came to pick the car up.
→ When I came to pick up the car, the mechanic _____