

**Complete the text with Past simple or Past progressive of the verbs in the Brackets**

\_\_\_\_\_ (spend) four years in the Amazon jungle, from 1999 to 2003. When I first  
\_\_\_\_\_ (go) there, the locals \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) me about tribes that  
\_\_\_\_\_ (have) no contact with the outside world. But I \_\_\_\_\_ (not pay)  
much attention to them. One day I \_\_\_\_\_ (explore) a part of the rainforest in  
Brazil with some fellow travellers when something amazing \_\_\_\_\_ (happen). It  
was around midday and the others \_\_\_\_\_ (have) lunch. I  
\_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to go a bit deeper into the jungle to take pictures of some birds.  
It was hot and humid, but at least it \_\_\_\_\_ (not rain). Anyway, as I  
\_\_\_\_\_ (take) photos, I \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) a noise. I \_\_\_\_\_ (turn)  
around and \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a woman who belonged to a tribe I had never seen  
before. It seemed like we \_\_\_\_\_ (stand) there looking at each other for ages. I  
\_\_\_\_\_ (think) it would be a good idea to offer her something. I  
\_\_\_\_\_ (begin) searching through my bag. But when I \_\_\_\_\_ (look) up  
again, she was gone. I \_\_\_\_\_ (rush) back to the others and  
\_\_\_\_\_ (tell) them about my encounter, but most of them \_\_\_\_\_ (not  
believe) me. Then I \_\_\_\_\_ (realise) something. I could have taken a picture of  
her!

