

**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)