

Exercise 27. Looking at grammar. (Charts 2-7 and 2-8)

Complete the sentences. Use the simple past or the past progressive of the verbs in parentheses.

1. I am sitting in class right now. I (*sit*) was sitting in class at this exact same time yesterday.
2. I (*call*) _____ Roger at nine last night, but he (*be, not*) _____ at home. He (*study*) _____ at the library.
3. I (*hear, not*) _____ the thunder during the storm last night because I (*sleep*) _____.
4. It was beautiful yesterday when we went for a walk in the park. The sun (*shine*) _____. A cool breeze (*blow*) _____. The birds (*sing*) _____.
5. My brother and sister (*argue*) _____ about something when I (*walk*) _____ into the room.
6. I got a package in the mail. When I (*open*) _____ it, I (*find*) _____ a surprise.
7. While Mrs. Emerson (*read*) _____ the little boy a story, he (*fall*) _____ asleep, so she (*close*) _____ the book and quietly (*sneak*) _____ out of the room.
8. A: (*you, hear*) _____ what the teacher just said?
B: No, I (*listen, not*) _____. I (*think*) _____ about something else.
9. I really enjoyed my last vacation. While it (*snow*) _____ in Iowa, the sun (*shine*) _____ in Florida. While you (*shovel*) _____ snow in Iowa all last week, I (*lie*) _____ on a beach in Florida.

1. *call, wait*

A: Why weren't you at the meeting?

B: I _____ for an overseas call from my family.

A: (*they*) _____?

B: Yes. It was wonderful to hear from them.

2. *break, cross, slip*

A: How (*you*) _____
your arm?

B: I _____ on the ice while
I _____ the street in
front of the dorm.



3. *find, look, park*

A: You're late again! You were supposed to be here ten minutes ago. Where were you?

B: I _____ for a place to park.

A: (*you*) _____ one?

B: Well, yes and no. I _____ my car illegally.

4. *ask, decide, look, see, work*

A: How did it go? (*you*) _____ the manager for a raise when
you _____ her yesterday?

B: No, she _____ on a big presentation for next week. She
_____ pretty busy. I _____ to wait until later.

5. *drive, get, happen, keep, pay, see*

A: I had a bad day yesterday.

B: Oh? What _____?

A: I _____ a traffic ticket.

B: Really? That's too bad. What was it for?

A: For running a red light. I _____ home and (*not*)
_____ attention to the road. I (*not*) _____
the red light and just _____ driving.