

### 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.