1 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct past tense.

It was a nice afternoon last summer, and Paul and Andrew 1) ..... **(sail)** for a week in the Mediterranean. The two friends 2) ..... **(plan)** the sailing trip for months.

They 3) ..... **(sail)** for over two hours when black clouds 4) ..... **(appear)** in the sky. A storm 5) ..... **(come)**. Paul 6) ..... **(tell)** Andrew to get back in the boat as the water 7) ..... **(become)** very rough. The wind 8) ..... **(blow)** hard and the boat 9) ..... **(start)** to rock. Suddenly, they 10) ..... **(hear)** a loud crashing sound. Paul and Andrew couldn't believe their eyes when they 11) ..... **(see)** that the boat 12) ..... **(strike)** a large rock. There was a large hole in the side of the boat and they 13) ..... **(sink)** fast. Quickly, they 14) ..... **(put on)** their lifejackets, 15) ..... **(send out)** an SOS message and then 16) ..... **(jump)** into the sea.

In a few minutes the boat 17) ..... **(sink)** to the bottom of the sea. They were really scared but then they 18) ..... **(hear)** the sound of a boat coming towards them. It was the coastguard. The crew 19) ..... **(help)** them get out of the water and 20) ..... **(give)** them blankets to keep warm. Paul and Andrew 21) ..... **(never/ feel)** so relieved in their lives. They were lucky to be alive.

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2 Choose the correct item.

1 At 9 o'clock this morning Steve ..... a test.
A had taken B was taking C took

2 Helen was so tired that she ..... asleep the minute she went to bed.
A fell B had fallen C was falling

3 The thieves ..... by the time the police arrived.
A left B hadn't left
C had been leaving

4 Nina went to bed late because she ..... on her project.
A had been working B worked
C was working

5 ..... that Lisa was very nervous yesterday?
A Had you noticed B Did you notice
C Were you noticing

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