

Open the brackets, Use Past Simple or Past Continuous

1. I _____ (to sit) in a cafe when you _____ (to call).
2. When you _____ (to arrive) at the party, who _____ (to be) there?
3. Susie _____ (to watch) a film when she _____ (to hear) the noise.
4. We _____ (to play) tennis when John _____ (to hurt) his ankle.
5. He _____ (to take) a shower when the telephone _____ (to ring).
6. When I _____ (to walk) into the room, everyone _____ (to work).
7. It _____ (to be) a day last September. The sun _____ (to shine) and the birds _____ (to sing). I _____ (to walk) along the street when _____ I (to meet) an old friend.
8. When her train _____ (to get) to the station, we _____ (to wait) on the platform.
9. What _____ (you/to do) when I (to call) you last night?
10. When they _____ (to walk) on the ice, they _____ (to fall).
11. As Mike _____ (to run), a dog _____ (to attack) him.
12. Mary _____ (to wear) a new dress when I _____ (to see) her.

2 Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense.

A You will never guess who I saw (see) when I ____ (shop) in town?
B Who?
A Meryl Streep!
B Really? What ____ (she/do)?
A Well she ____ (talk) on her mobile phone and she ____ (look) at clothes.
B Was she alone?
A No, she wasn't. She ____ (have) 3 body guards with her. They ____ (watch) her every move. B
Gosh, ____ anyone else ____ (notice) her?
A Oh yes, loads of people, but we ____ (try) to be cool - as if we see famous actresses all the time! I
____ (take) a photo on my mobile phone, but it isn't very clear, look.

2 A OK, Luke, can you tell me the answer to question 6?

B No, Miss. A Do you know why you can't answer? Because you ____ (not listen) when I ____ (explain) this exercise.
B I ____ (listen) Miss, it's just that John ____ (talk) to me at the same time!

3 A When the alarm ____ (ring) this morning I ____ (have) a really strange dream.

B Oh yes, what about?
A I ____ (dream) about a girl I ____ (go) to college with five years ago.
B Oh, right. That doesn't sound so strange.
A No, but wait. Then when I ____ (read) the paper at breakfast time, I ____ (see) her photo.
B No way!
A Yes, she has just won a major sporting competition, isn't that strange?