

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.

- 1 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?