TK past tenses

We thought that we were on the right path when suddenly we _____ (run into) a very familiar rock and _____ (realise) that we _____ (walk) in circles for quite a long time. We _____ (be) totally lost, and the fact that we _____ (already/finish) our water provisions wasn't very promising.

We _____ (decide) to go uphill because according to John, it would be easier to spot a way out from an elevated point. He _____ (learn) that from a documentary he _____ (see) about survival. But what the documentary _____ (not teach) John was that maybe it's not such a good idea to go up a mountain when you are exhausted and waterless.

We _____ (trek) one mile when we _____ (started) to have a horrible feeling that that might be our last trek. Of course, we _____ (not say) anything, but we could see in each other's eyes that at that precise moment we _____ (think) precisely the same. We couldn't walk any longer, so we _____ (decide) to sit and rest, quietly, because neither of us wanted to share any of our gloomy thoughts.

"Hello, can I help you?" we suddenly _____ (hear). We _____ (raise) our heads and _____ (see) a little man with slanted eyes and a childish grin. He _____ (stand) right next to us. I wondered where he _____ (come) from and how long he _____ (stand) there. But it didn't matter really, because we were safe.