

## Past Simple and Past Continuous

Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ IT when she \_\_\_\_\_ her first business.
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ me he wanted to quit his job while we \_\_\_\_\_ lunch.
3. While I \_\_\_\_\_ the slides, the electricity \_\_\_\_\_.
4. We \_\_\_\_\_ tired so we \_\_\_\_\_ to have a break.
5. What \_\_\_\_\_ this morning? I \_\_\_\_\_ to phone you twice.
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ about Carla when she \_\_\_\_\_ me.
7. It suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ to rain while we \_\_\_\_\_ in the park.
8. When I \_\_\_\_\_ to the office, everyone \_\_\_\_\_.

Complete the article using the Past Simple or Past Continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Airbnb's co-founders, Joe Gebbia and Brian Chesky, were friends from design school in New York. In 2007, they \_\_\_\_\_ (share) an apartment in San Francisco. They \_\_\_\_\_ (both / look) for work and having a hard time paying their rent. When they \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) a design conference was coming to San Francisco, and the city's hotels were fully booked, they \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to offer their flat as cheap accommodation to participants. They quickly designed a simple website and soon \_\_\_\_\_ (find) three paying guests who slept on airbeds on their living-room floor. They even cooked their guests breakfast and that's where the Airbnb name came from. They charged \$80 each a night. As they \_\_\_\_\_ (wave) their guests goodbye, they thought they had a new business concept – the idea of a sharing economy.

In the summer of 2008 they had 800 listings but the site \_\_\_\_\_ (not make) any money.  
So they \_\_\_\_\_ (fly) to New York, the city where they had the most customers, to  
find out what problems people \_\_\_\_\_ (have) with the service. They found that many of  
their listing photos were poor quality, so they rented a professional camera  
and \_\_\_\_\_ (take) photos of people's apartments. Today, Airbnb has hosted over 35  
million guests in 34,000 towns and cities around the world.