

Choose the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- a) When you passed the town hall clock, **did you notice/were you noticing** what time it was?
- b) Last night my neighbours **were shouting/would shout** for hours and I couldn't get to sleep.
- c) When you lived in London, **did you use to travel/were you travelling** by bus?
- d) Everyone was having a good time, although not many people **danced/were dancing**.
- e) Jill was really hungry because she **didn't eat/hadn't eaten** all day.
- f) Before we went to the theatre, we **called in/had called in** at George's cafe for a pizza.
- g) It took a while for me to notice, but then I did. Everyone **stared/was staring** at me. What had I done wrong?
- h) Nobody bothered to tell me that the school **decided/had decided** to have a special holiday on Friday.
- i) I **was trying/tried** to get in touch with you all day yesterday. Where were you?
- j) A: Excuse me, but this seat is mine.
B: I'm sorry, I **didn't realise/hadn't realised** that you were sitting here.

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- a) **Once/Afterwards** I'd read the manual, I found I could use the computer easily.
- b) It was more than a month **before/until** I realised what had happened.
- c) I managed to talk to Carol just **as/while** she was leaving.
- d) It wasn't **until/up to** 1983 that Nigel could afford to take holidays abroad.
- e) George always let me know **by the time/whenever** he was going to be late.
- f) I was having a bath **at the time/that time**, so I didn't hear the doorbell.
- g) We bought our tickets and five minutes **after/later** the train arrived.
- h) According to Grandpa, people used to dress formally **those days/in his day**.
- i) Everyone was talking but stopped **at that time/the moment** Mr Smith arrived.

j) The letter still hadn't arrived **by/until** the end of the week.

Complete the text by writing one word in each space.

When I was a young man I spent a year in France, studying French at the University of Grenoble. Every Friday I _____ eat at the Alps cafe. I didn't (2) _____ to spend much money, as I (3) _____ not afford it, but it was a little tradition of mine to eat there. Anyway, I'm going to tell you a true story which happened on one occasion when I (4) _____ eating there. I remember I _____ (5) a pasta dish at the time. A beautiful girl came up to me and said, 'I was _____ (6) if you wanted to walk with me in the park?' I had never seen her _____ (7), so I was rather taken aback. I was _____ (8) to go with her when I noticed a tough-looking man was watching our every movement. Seeing my discomfort, the girl _____ (9) to me, in English, 'Park - five minutes!', and then disappeared. Well, my bill _____ (10) ages to arrive, and by the time I _____ (11) to the park, there was no sign of the girl. I asked an old lady who _____ (12) on a bench there if she _____ (13) seen a young girl waiting around. I described the girl to her. The old lady said that the girl _____ (14) to rush to the railway station, and that I _____ (15) to follow her there urgently. She had also left me a note. It said, 'I will explain everything. Meet me on platform 6.'