

Complete the following stories with the correct form of the verb in brackets

A bad day

Last Tuesday, my computer broke while I _____¹ (**try**) to finish an important piece of work. So, I _____² (**call**) a friend who knows about computers, and he came over straight away. He _____³ (**have**) a look at it, but he couldn't fix it. He _____⁴ (**take**) my keys so he could come back the next day while I was at work. The next morning, when I _____⁵ (**try**) to leave for work, I discovered that he _____⁶ (**lock**) my front door from the outside, and I couldn't get out of the flat. My parents _____⁷ (**travel**) abroad, and no one else I know _____⁸ (**have**) a spare key. I tried to call my friend, but he _____⁹ (**leave**) his phone in my flat. It _____¹⁰ (**ring**) right next to me. I _____¹¹ (**have**) to wait for him to arrive, and I _____¹² (**end up**) getting very late to work.

A lucky escape

That reminds me of another story I heard about a man who had a lucky escape.

He _____¹ (**be**) at a barbecue restaurant on top of a mountain, and after the meal he _____² (**decide**) not to take the cable car down with his friends, but to walk down instead. While he _____³ (**look**) for the path, he _____⁴ (**fall**) into a stream and _____⁵ (**break**) his leg. Unable to move, he _____⁶ (**try**) to phone for help, but his mobile _____⁷ (**not work**) because he _____⁸ (**drop**) it in the stream. Knowing he was missing, teams of people _____⁹ (**look**) for him, but it was twenty-four days before they _____¹⁰ (**find**) him. Luckily, he _____¹¹ (**bring**) a bottle of barbecue sauce with him to the barbecue, and he _____¹² (**survive**) by drinking water mixed with the barbecue sauce.