

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.