Narrative tenses: All past tenses

Fill in the gaps with the most appropriate narrative tenses of the verbs in brackets: past simple, past continuous, past perfect simple or past perfect continuous.

We thought that we were on the right path when suddenly we 1 _____ (run into) a very familiar rock and 2 _____ (realise) that we 3 _____ (walk) in circles for quite a long time. We 4 _____ (be) totally lost, and the fact that we 5 _____ (already/finish) our water provisions wasn't very promising.

We 6 _____ (decide) to go uphill because according to John, it would be easier to spot a way out from an elevated point. He 7 _____ (learn) that from a documentary he 8 _____ (see) about survival. But what the documentary 9 _____ (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 10 _____ (trek) one mile when we 11 _____ (start) to have a horrible feeling that that might be our last trek. Of course, we 12 _____ (say) anything, but we could see in each other's eyes that at that precise moment we 13 _____ (think) precisely the same. We couldn't walk any longer, so we 14 _____ (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 15 _____ (hear). We 16 _____ (raise) our heads and 17 _____ (see) a little man with slanted eyes and a childish grin. He 18 _____ (stand) right next to us. I wondered where he 19 _____ (come) from and how long he 20 _____ (stand) there. But it didn't matter really, because we were safe.

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