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By the time Mark and Steve reached the old cabin in the forest, it 1) ... *had got* ... (get) dark and a cold wind 2) (blow) in their faces. They 3) (walk) for more than two hours and they felt exhausted.

It had all begun when they 4) (go) into the forest to take photos of trees their environmental group 5) (plant) the previous year. Everything 6) (go) well until it 7) (start) to rain heavily. Unfortunately, they had lost their map as they 8) (cross) a river but after a couple of hours they had found the cabin. They 9) (open) the door and 10) (go) in. To their surprise, they found three tourists inside. At least they weren't alone!



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A: Gemma, listen to this! I 1) ... *was walking* ... (walk) through the city centre yesterday when I 2) (notice) that a crowd 3) (gather) around two men. Apparently, they 4) (argue) loudly for more than half an hour!

B: 5) (they/resolve) their argument?

A: Eventually, yes!

A: I 1) (not/hear) from Sam in Australia until yesterday when I got his letter.

B: How is he?

A: He's great. As I 2) (open) the envelope, he 3) (phone) me! He said he 4) (have) trouble with his computer but he 5) (fix) the problem.

B: Great!

20 Fill in: *for*, *since*, *how long*, *before* or *until*.

- 1 They had been waiting *until* 11 o'clock to see the manager.
- 2 had you been travelling around Asia you decided to come home?
- 3 Mr Evans waited all the students had arrived he started the lesson.
- 4 Mina told her teacher that she had been sick five days.
- 5 I was hungry because I hadn't eaten anything 8 o'clock that morning.