

**Choose the most suitable verb form in each sentence.**

- a) I suddenly remembered that I *forgot / had forgotten* my keys.
- b) While Diana *watched / was watching* her favourite television programme, there was a power-cut.
- c) Tom *used to live / would live* in the house at the end of the street.
- d) Who *was driving / drove* the car at the time of the accident?
- e) By the time Sheila got back, Chris *went / had gone*.
- f) David *ate / had eaten* Japanese food before, so he knew what to order.
- g) I *did / was doing* some shopping yesterday, when I saw that Dutch friend of yours.
- h) I *used to like / was liking* sweets much more than I do now.
- i) What exactly *were you doing / did you do* when I came into your office yesterday?
- j) Laura missed the party because no-one *was telling / had told* her about it.
- k) Tanya *would / used to* be a doctor.

**Put each verb in brackets into a suitable past verb form.**

When Professor Mallory, the famous archaeologist, (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (invite) me to take part in his expedition to find the Lost City of the Himalayas, I (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (not hesitate) to accept his invitation. Mallory (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (discover) an ancient map showing the position of the city, although no European (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (ever go) to the area before.

In fact, most of Mallory's colleagues either (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (believe) that the city (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (never exist) or (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) that it (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (vanish)

long ago and (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (become) simply a legend. According to the Professor, the builders of the city (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (hide) it among the mountains in order to protect its immense riches. He (11) \_\_\_\_\_ (believe) that the descendants of these ancient people (12) \_\_\_\_\_ (still keep) themselves apart from the rest of mankind for the very same reasons. So when we (13) \_\_\_\_\_ (set off) on a cool May morning towards the distant mountains, each of us (14) \_\_\_\_\_ (look forward) to exciting discoveries. For a week or more we (15) \_\_\_\_\_ (climb) higher and higher, following the map, which Mallory (16) \_\_\_\_\_ (study) from time to time. Then one afternoon, while we (17) \_\_\_\_\_ (rest) at the top of a valley, we (18) \_\_\_\_\_ (notice) that a rider on a horse (19) \_\_\_\_\_ (wave) at us from the other side of the valley. A rider whose clothes (20) \_\_\_\_\_ (shine) like gold!

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a) While I (try) \_\_\_\_\_ to get my car started, a passing car (stop) \_\_\_\_\_ and the driver (offer) \_\_\_\_\_ to help me.

b) The police (pay) \_\_\_\_\_ no attention to Clare's complaint because she (phone) \_\_\_\_\_ them so many times before.

c) Mary (not wear) \_\_\_\_\_ her glasses at the time, so she (not notice) \_\_\_\_\_ what kind of car the man (drive) \_\_\_\_\_

d) Nick (lie) \_\_\_\_\_ down on the grass for a while, next to some tourists who  
(feed) \_\_\_\_\_ the ducks.

e) Tony (admit) \_\_\_\_\_ that he (hit) \_\_\_\_\_ the other car, but said that he  
(not damage) \_\_\_\_\_ it.

f) Sorry, I (not listen) \_\_\_\_\_ to you. I (think) \_\_\_\_\_ about something else.

g) Helen (feel) \_\_\_\_\_ very tired, and when she (finish) \_\_\_\_\_ her work, she  
(fall) \_\_\_\_\_ asleep.

h) The police (get) \_\_\_\_\_ to Clare's house as fast as they could, but the burglars  
(disappear) \_\_\_\_\_.

i) I (phone) \_\_\_\_\_ you last night but you (not answer) \_\_\_\_\_. What  
(you do) \_\_\_\_\_?

j) We (not go) \_\_\_\_\_ out yesterday because it (rain) \_\_\_\_\_.