

Complete the sentences with the past simple or continuous form of the verb in brackets.

1. Our company \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) money at an alarming rate but then in 2010 we \_\_\_\_\_ (launch) our Hermes 5 tablet computer. Sales \_\_\_\_\_ (go up) dramatically and our financial situation \_\_\_\_\_ (improve) rapidly.
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a successful negotiation when suddenly our boss \_\_\_\_\_ (phone) us to say he \_\_\_\_\_ (want) completely different conditions.
3. We \_\_\_\_\_ (plan) to patent our new drug but we \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) far too long. A month after our discovery, our main competitor \_\_\_\_\_ (sell) basically the same product.
4. Julia \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to take a few months off in 2001, when she \_\_\_\_\_ (work) for Clairval Cosmetics. While she \_\_\_\_\_ (tour) New Zealand, she \_\_\_\_\_ (develop) an interest in Maori culture. She \_\_\_\_\_ (take) samples of some of the plants used in their rituals because she \_\_\_\_\_ (believe) they could be used in some of her company's products.