Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.
Use the Past Simple or the Past Progressive. In some cases, both are correct.

FALSE ALARM

1. We (1) *were working* (work) on our geography project last Friday when we (2)_____(hear) the school alarm go off[1]. Everybody (3)_____(stop) working and (4)_____(turn) to the teacher for an explanation. The teacher (5)_____(be) also surprised. She (6)_____(not know) what (7)_____(happen). It (8)_____(not be) time for the break, and there (9)_____(be) no special events that day. Then the principal (10)_____(start) speaking on the loudspeaker. She (11)_____(say) there (12)_____(be) an earthquake warning, and (13)_____(ask) all the pupils to go down to the school yard. We (14)_____(go) down the stairs quickly and (15)_____(wait) in the yard for further instructions. After about ten minutes the teachers (16)_____(tell) us to go back to class because it (17)_____(be) a false alarm.

A ZOO STORY

2. Yesterday my father and I (1)_____(go) to the zoo. We (2)_____(want) to see the new animals that (3)_____(arrive) last week. We (4)_____(walk) slowly from cage to cage, looking at the animals, when we suddenly (5)_____(hear) a loud cry. We (6)_____(stop) walking and (7)_____(turn) around to see what (8)_____(happen). A big crowd of people (9)_____(stand) around a little boy who (10)_____(cry) bitterly and (11)_____(hold) his bleeding hand. In the cage nearby a bunch of monkeys (12)_____(laugh) and (13)_____(jump) up and down. I felt sorry for the little boy, but I couldn't help thinking – where were his parents? Why (14)_____ they _____(not see) the danger? What (15)_____ they _____(do) when he put his hand into the monkey cage? (16)_____ they _____(look) at something else?

LIVEWORKSHEETS

3. Teacher: Where (1)_____ you and Tom _____(go) when I (2)_____ (see) you on the street yesterday? Why (3)_____(not be) you at school? Do you know that it was the middle of a school day?

Jenny: Yes, but our math teacher was away, so we (4)_____(have) a free period[1]. We (5)_____(have) nothing to do and it (6)_____(be) the middle of the day, so we (7)_____(decide) to go to the mall. That's when we (8)_____(meet) you.

Teacher: (9)_____the school secretary_____(know) that you (10)_____(not have) a teacher?

Jenny: No, we (11)_____(not tell) her.

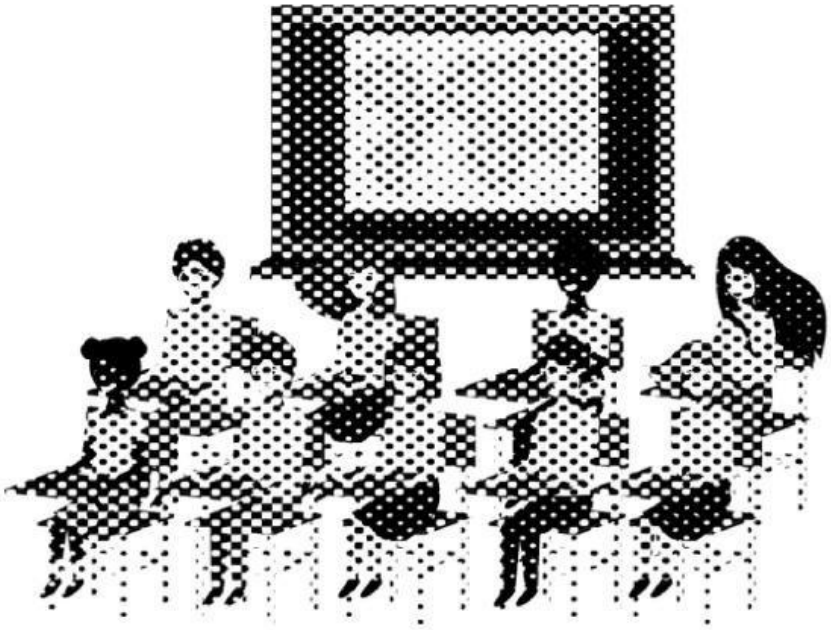
Teacher: Why (12)_____you _____(not tell) her?

Jenny: We (13)_____(not want) to stay at school and have a lesson with a substitute teacher. We (14)_____(prefer) to go shopping.

Teacher: I will have to punish you for that.

Jenny: Yes, I know.

4. When I (1)_____(walk) into the house at seven in the evening, everyone was so busy they (2)_____ even_____(not notice) that I (3)_____(be) home. My little twin brothers (4)_____(play) computer games, my older sister (5)_____(talk) on the phone and my parents (6)_____(make) dinner in the kitchen. I (7)_____(say) "hello", but no one (8)_____(answer).



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