

Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple or past perfect simple.

1 A: I'm sorry we're late. We ¹..*missed*. (miss) the train.

B: How ²..... (that/happen)?

A: Well, I ³..... (get) the times wrong and when we
⁴..... (arrive) at the station, the train ⁵.....
(just leave).

2 A: ⁶..... (you/have) a good meal at Hilary's?

B: Well no, it ⁷..... (be) very embarrassing. When we
⁸..... (arrive), we ⁹..... (know) immediately
that she ¹⁰..... (forget) about the whole thing.

A: So what ¹¹..... (she/do)?

B: Well, she ¹²..... (pretend) that she ¹³..... (not
forget) and ¹⁴..... (say) that the meal ¹⁵.....
(not be) ready because she ¹⁶..... (get) home from work very
late.

A: Oh no, how awful!

3 It ¹⁷..... (be) a beautiful morning. It ¹⁸..... (rain)
in the night and so the ground ¹⁹..... (be) fresh and clean and it
²⁰..... (smell) wonderful. None of the Taylor family
²¹..... (be) awake though. They ²²..... (all go) to
bed very late the night before. Their Australian cousin ²³.....
(arrive) unexpectedly that evening and they ²⁴..... (sit up)
talking most of the night. Although it ²⁵..... (be) now 8 o'clock
in the morning, they ²⁶..... (only be) in bed for about two
hours.

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James ¹ *sat* (sit) outside the office waiting for the interview. He
² (feel) so nervous that he ³ (not know)
what to do with himself. The person who ⁴ (go in) before him
⁵ (be) in there for nearly an hour. And she ⁶
(look) so confident when she ⁷ (go) in. Not like James. He
⁸ (feel) sure that she ⁹ (already get) the job.
The problem ¹⁰ (be) that he ¹¹ (want) this
job so much. It ¹² (mean) everything to him. He
¹³ (think) about it such a lot before the day of the interview.
He ¹⁴ (imagine) himself performing brilliantly at the interview
and being offered the job immediately. But now here he ¹⁵ (be)
feeling terrible. He ¹⁶ (cannot remember) all those things
he ¹⁷ (plan) to say. At that moment, he ¹⁸
(almost decide) to get up and leave. But no – he ¹⁹ (have to
do) this. He ²⁰ (spend) so much time thinking about it that he
²¹ (cannot give up) like that. His hands
²² (be) hot and sticky and his mouth ²³
(feel) dry. Finally the door of the office ²⁴ (open). The woman
who ²⁵ (go in) an hour earlier ²⁶ (come out)
looking very pleased with herself. She ²⁷ (smile)
sympathetically at James. At that moment James ²⁸ (hate) her.
The managing director then ²⁹ (appear) at the office door.
'Would you like to come in now, Mr Davis? I'm sorry to have kept you waiting.'
James ³⁰ (suddenly wish) that he ³¹ (go)
home after all. He ³² (get up), legs shaking and forehead
sweating and ³³ (wonder) whether he ³⁴
(look) as terrified as he ³⁵ (feel).

1 missed 2 did that happen 3 got
4 arrived 5 had just left 6 Did you have
7 was 8 arrived 9 knew 10 had forgotten
11 did she do 12 pretend 13 hadn't
forgotten 14 said 15 wasn't 16 had got
17 was 18 had rained 19 was 20 smelt
21 were 22 had all gone 23 had arrived
24 had sat up 25 was 26 had only been

1 sat 2 felt 3 didn't know 4 had gone in
5 had been 6 had looked 7 went in 8 felt
9 had already got 10 was 11 wanted
12 meant 13 had thought 14 had
imagined 15 was 16 couldn't remember
17 had planned 18 almost decided
19 had to do 20 had spent 21 couldn't
give up 22 were 23 felt 24 opened
25 had gone in 26 came out 27 smiled
28 hated 29 appeared 30 suddenly
wished 31 had gone 32 got up
33 wondered 34 looked 35 felt