

Tried to do -vs- Did (1 Answers)

When you say you **tried to do** something, it generally means that you **didn't or couldn't do it**. (You were unsuccessful)

I tried to connect to the internet, but my wi-fi was down.

When you say you **did** something, it means that you were successful.

I connected to the internet when they fixed my wi-fi.

1. I tried to buy concert tickets for the festival, but they were sold out. **(buy)**
2. Bob got a haircut for just \$5 and it looks pretty good! **(get)**
3. Mike was late for work, but he said he really tried to arrive on time. He said it was because there was an accident on the highway. **(arrive)**
4. I saw *Bohemian Rhapsody* and it is a great movie! **(see)**
5. Peter took the entrance test last year and said it was so hard. **(take)**
6. We tried to eat at that new restaurant, but the line was too long, so we just ordered a pizza and went home. **(eat / order)**
7. After the big earthquake, I tried to call my family, but the phones weren't working, so I sent them an email to tell them I was OK. **(call / send)**
8. The thief tried to run from the police, but fell down and they easily caught him and put him in the back of their police car. **(run / catch / put)**
9. Years ago Judy tried to marry a rich guy, so she often went to a bar where rich businessmen drank and tried to get one of them to ask her out on a date. Unfortunately, none ever asked her out. **(marry / go / drink / get)**
10. Ron broke his computer when he tried to set it up himself. A computer tech tried to fix it, but he said it was impossible. Ron should have just bought a tablet. **(break / set / fix / buy)**
11. I looked everywhere for my keys, but couldn't find them and so I couldn't drive to work. First, I tried to grab a taxi, but one never came. Then I tried to take a bus, but the bus drivers are refusing to work. Finally, I put out my thumb and hitchhiked to work. **(look / grab / take / put / hitchhike)**
12. Dan's tried to make a fire at the campsite, but he forgot to bring matches. So, he ate cold canned food for dinner. **(make / eat)**
13. Sue tried to ride the roller coaster at the amusement park, but was too short. She then put on big soled shoes and tried to trick the staff, but it didn't work. They still said no. **(ride / put on / trick)**
14. Tom woke up at 5 am this morning and went fishing. He tried to catch some fish for dinner, but unfortunately, he didn't get one fish! **(wake / go / catch)**
15. Alex amazingly taught himself how to play guitar, but couldn't find anyone to play with when he tried to start a band. **(teach / start)**