

## Tried to do -vs- Did (1)

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