Gap Fills Exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate verb form.

1. I will call you when I …………………………… ready.

will be
am
Either could be used here

2. She told me that she …………………………… quitting.

is
was

3. People loved him because he …………………………… very kind.

was
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is

will be

4. If you buy the tickets, I ………………………… the food.

will bring

would bring

5. She was not very beautiful but she ………………………… very popular.

was

is

6. We climbed up a tree so that we ………………………… get a better view of the
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procession.

can

may

could

7. They took him to hospital when he complained of uneasiness.

complained

complains

was complaining

8. No one helped me when I ....................... money.

need
9. While I was mowing the lawn, a scorpion ................. me.

sting
stung
stinged

10. He talks as if he ......................... an insider but he isn’t.

is
was
11. As well as ................. his parents, he invited the displeasure of his boss.

- embarrassing
- embarrassed
- embarrass

12. While you were holidaying in France, I ......................... the midnight oil.

- burned
- was burning
- am burning

Answers
1. I will call you when I am ready.
2. She told me that she was quitting.
3. People loved him because he was very kind.

4. If you buy the tickets, I will bring the food.

5. She was not very beautiful but she was very popular.

6. We climbed up a tree so that we could get a better view of the procession.

7. They took him to hospital when he complained of uneasiness.

8. No one helped me when I needed money.

9. While I was mowing the lawn, a scorpion stung me.

10. He talks as if he was an insider but he isn’t.

11. As well as embarrassing his parents, he invited the displeasure of his boss.

12. While you were holidaying in France, I was burning the midnight oil.