Antonio and his friend Pietro (1) ... on the beach when they (2) ... somebody shouting. They jumped up and saw that there was a man in trouble in the sea. The man had caught his foot between two rocks. He (3) ... to free himself for quite a long time, but without success. The friends realised that the man (4) ... and that they needed to act quickly to save him. Without thinking, they jumped into the sea. When they reached the man, they dived underwater. They (5) ... for several seconds before they managed to free the man. They swam back to the shore, and pulled the man between them. By the time they (6) ... the beach, many people (7) ... there, and everyone started to clap and cheer.

Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (3).

1) tries 2) had been trying 3) was tried 4) had been tried