

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

1 Complete the sentences with the simple past, past continuous, or *used to* form of the verbs in parentheses.

- Maria _____ (send) me messages every day, but I _____ (drop) my phone when I _____ (run) and now it doesn't work.
- The bell for the end of class always _____ (ring) as the teacher _____ (tell) us about the homework, so we _____ (do) it!
- I _____ (play) rugby every week, but I _____ (fall) and broke my arm when I _____ (play) one day, so then I stopped.
- I remember that I _____ (love) the spring when I lived in England, because as the rain _____ (fall), the sun _____ (come) out from behind the clouds.

2 Rewrite the sentences using the words and tenses in parentheses.

- My parents always told me not to use my phone at the same time as I studied. (*used to / while*)

- The ball rolled across the road. The car hit it. (*when / past continuous*)

- It stopped raining just before I left the house. (*as / past continuous*)

- Were there any sports teams in your previous school? (*used to / when*)

3 Complete the questions in this interview. Then think of two more questions and practice the interview in pairs.

INTERVIEWER What ¹ _____?

ATHLETE Oh, I used to play soccer in the street and run around with the other kids.

INTERVIEWER Who ² _____?

ATHLETE I used to look up to my aunt because she was a very talented athlete.

INTERVIEWER How ³ _____?

ATHLETE Well, I was playing in a local game when someone from the national team was watching. That's how they discovered me!

INTERVIEWER Did ⁴ _____?

ATHLETE No, I didn't use to study English at school, but then I took lessons while I was with the national team.

INTERVIEWER What ⁵ _____?

ATHLETE I was playing with Olympic United in Greece when I heard that I won an award.

INTERVIEWER Great! Thanks for your time!

4 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in the box and circle the correct options.



break do not go hit think train watch

My friend was a very talented tennis player when he was younger. He ¹ _____ every day after school ² *while / when / as* his classmates ³ _____ their homework. Every weekend he had a match to play, so he ⁴ _____ out with his friends. However, one day he ⁵ _____ his wrist ⁶ *while / when / as* he ⁷ _____ the ball and it never got better. He stopped playing so seriously and became more sociable. I met him last week ⁸ *while / when / as* he ⁹ _____ a tennis match on TV with friends. He said, "I ¹⁰ _____ life was all about competition, but now I know there is more to life than winning!"