

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

1 Complete the sentences with the simple past or past continuous form of the verbs in parentheses.

- Maria is so impatient. She sent (send) me three urgent messages while I was taking (take) my exam.
- I wanted to play football all season, but I fell (fall) over and broke my arm when I was playing (play) rugby.
- While I was taking care (take care) of my little sister, my older brother made (make) dinner.
- When it was raining (rain), the sun came (come) out and we saw a beautiful rainbow.
- When I was taking (take) a shower, I slipped and hit (hit) my head on the bathroom wall.
- The bell for the end of class rang (ring) as the teacher was telling (tell) us about the homework.

2 Join the two sentences using the words in parentheses.

- We were having dinner. My sister told us about her exciting day. (while)
While we were having dinner, my sister told us about her exciting day. / My sister told us about her exciting day while we were having dinner.
- The children were waiting behind the door. I opened it. (as)
The children were waiting behind the door as I opened it.
- My friends hung out at our place. Their parents were working. (while)
My friends hung out at our place while their parents were working. / While their parents were working, my friends hung out at our place.
- The guests were arriving at the party. The waiters served the food. (as)
As the guests were arriving at the party, the waiters served the food. / The waiters served the food as the guests were arriving at the party.
- I was a student. I walked to school alone. (when)
When I was a student, I walked to school alone. / I walked to school alone when I was a student.
- My parents helped me. I was starting college. (when)
My parents helped me when I was starting college. / When I was starting college, my parents helped me.

3 Complete the questions for the answers. Then in pairs, ask and answer the questions.

- A What were you doing at 6 p.m. yesterday?
B I was doing my maths homework.
- A Did you use to have a pet when you were a child?
B No, we didn't use to have a garden, so we never had any pets.
- A What did you use to want to be when you grew up?
B I used to want to be a musician in a band.
- A What did you do to celebrate your birthday?
B I went to the movies and then for a pizza.
- A Did you use to have a bike when you were little?
B Well, I used to have a tricycle when I was four.
- A What were you doing during the last break when the bell rang?
B I was playing football in the schoolyard.

4 Complete the text with the simple past, past continuous, or *used to* forms of the verbs in brackets. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.



My friend ¹ used to play (play) tennis at a high level when he was younger. Every weekend he had a match to play so he ² didn't use to go (not go) out with his friends very much. However, one day he ³ broke (break) his wrist while he ⁴ was hitting (hit) the ball. He ⁵ stopped (stop) playing so seriously and became more sociable. I ⁶ met (meet) him last week when he ⁷ was hanging out (hang out) and watching TV with friends. He looked very happy. He said, "I ⁸ used to think think life was all about competitions, but now I know there is more to life than winning!"