

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 _____ (send) me three urgent messages while I _____ (take) my exam.
- I wanted to play football all season, but I _____ (fall) over and broke my arm when I _____ (play) rugby.
- While I _____ (take care) of my little sister, my older brother _____ (make) dinner.
- When it _____ (rain), the sun _____ (come) out and we saw a beautiful rainbow.
- When I _____ (take) a shower, I slipped and _____ (hit) my head on the bathroom wall.
- The bell for the end of class _____ (ring) as the teacher _____ (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)

- The children were waiting behind the door. I opened it. (as)

- My friends hung out at our place. Their parents were working. (while)

- The guests were arriving at the party. The waiters served the food. (as)

- I was a student. I walked to school alone. (when)

- My parents helped me. I was starting college. (when)

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

- A What _____ at 6 p.m. yesterday?
B I was doing my maths homework.
- A Did you _____ 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 _____ to be when you grew up?
B I used to want to be a musician in a band.
- A What _____ to celebrate your birthday?
B I went to the movies and then for a pizza.
- A Did you _____ a bike when you were little?
B Well, I used to have a tricycle when I was four.
- A What _____ 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_____ (play) tennis at a high level when he was younger. Every weekend he had a match to play so he ²_____ (not go) out with his friends very much. However, one day he ³_____ (break) his wrist while he ⁴_____ (hit) the ball. He ⁵_____ (stop) playing so seriously and became more sociable. I ⁶_____ (meet) him last week when he ⁷_____ (hang out) and watching TV with friends. He looked very happy. He said, "I ⁸_____ think life was all about competitions, but now I know there is more to life than winning!"