

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

- Maria is so impatient. She sent (send) me three urgent messages while I was doing (do) my exam.
- I wanted to play sport all season, but I fell (fall) over and broke my arm when I was playing (play) rugby.
- While I was looking after (look after) 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 having (have) 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 brackets.**

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- I was a student. I walked to school alone. (when)  
When I was a student, I walked to school alone.
- My parents helped me. I was starting university. (when)  
My parents helped me when I was starting university.

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

- A What were you doing at 6 pm 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 cinema 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 school yard.

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

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