

**6** **\*\*** Use the verbs in brackets to complete the questions and answers.

- 1 A: Where did Jim go (Jim/go) on Saturday evening?  
B: He \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Mark's party.
- 2 A: What time \_\_\_\_\_ (you/be born)?  
B: I \_\_\_\_\_ (be born) at three o'clock in the morning.
- 3 A: \_\_\_\_\_ (Maria/meet) her friends on Tuesday?  
B: No, she \_\_\_\_\_. She \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) them on Thursday.
- 4 A: \_\_\_\_\_ (Paul/phone) that girl from the party?  
B: Yes, he \_\_\_\_\_. He \_\_\_\_\_ (send) her a text too!
- 5 A: How old \_\_\_\_\_ (be/your grandparents) when they met?  
B: They \_\_\_\_\_ (be) twenty.
- 6 A: When \_\_\_\_\_ (Angela/start) learning Chinese?  
B: She \_\_\_\_\_ (start) six months ago.

**7a** **\*\*\*** Complete the sentences using the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Pete and Rita met (meet) on holiday in Poland.
- 2 Jack and James \_\_\_\_\_ (become) rock stars.
- 3 Eddie \_\_\_\_\_ (not move) to London, he \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) in Liverpool.
- 4 The concert \_\_\_\_\_ (not start) at 7 p.m., it \_\_\_\_\_ (start) at 8 p.m.
- 5 Liz \_\_\_\_\_ (not write) one email, she \_\_\_\_\_ (write) six emails.
- 6 Rex and Sophie \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) in love three months ago.

**b** Write a question for sentences 1–6 using the verbs in brackets above.

- 1 Where did Pete and Rita meet?
- 2 What \_\_\_\_\_?
- 3 Did \_\_\_\_\_ to London?
- 4 What time \_\_\_\_\_?
- 5 How many \_\_\_\_\_?
- 6 When \_\_\_\_\_?

## Grammar reference

### Past simple

#### Form

	Regular and irregular verbs
+	<i>They remembered the date. He bought a new watch.</i>
–	<i>They didn't remember the date. He didn't buy a new watch.</i>
?	<i>Did they remember the date? Did he buy a new watch?</i>
Short answers	<i>Yes, they did./No, they didn't. Yes, he did./No, he didn't.</i>

	to be
+	<i>I/He/She/It was hungry. We/You/They were hungry.</i>
–	<i>I/He/She/It was not (wasn't) hungry. We/You/They were not (weren't) hungry.</i>
?	<i>Was I/he/she/it hungry? Were we/you/they hungry?</i>
Short answers	<i>Yes, I/he/she/it was. No, I/he/she/it wasn't. Yes, we/you/they were. No, we/you/they weren't.</i>

#### Wh- questions

*What did she have for lunch yesterday?*

*Why didn't you come to the party?*

#### Spelling of regular verb forms

Add *-ed* to most regular verbs: *watch* → *watched*

Verbs that end with *-e*, add only *-d*: *live* → *lived*

Verbs that end in consonant + *y*, change *-y* to *-i*: *marry* → *married*

Verbs with one syllable that end in a vowel + consonant, double the final consonant: *stop* → *stopped*

#### Use

Use the past simple to talk about finished actions/events in the past:

*I phoned her yesterday evening.*

#### Time expressions

Use *in* with decades, years and months:

*in the 1990s/1929/April*

Use *on* with days

*on Monday/21st May/your birthday*

Use *at* with a specific time or a period of time:

*at 11 o'clock/midnight/the weekend/Christmas*

#### Other time expressions

*yesterday (morning/afternoon), last (week/year), ten years ago, when she was little*

## Vocabulary

### Life events

1 Find eight life event words. Look → and ↓.

s	d	r	e	n	t	r	j
c	e	a	h	y	t	t	o
h	g	h	o	u	s	e	b
o	r	c	j	k	k	a	x
o	e	n	g	a	g	e	d
l	e	f	y	l	k	z	b
a	r	g	u	m	e	n	t
m	a	r	r	i	e	d	n

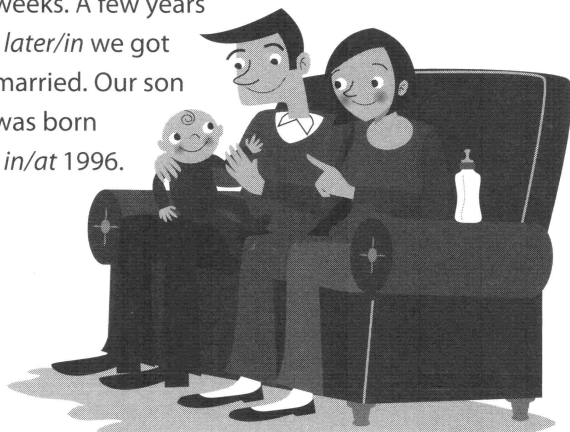
2 Complete the sentences with the verbs below.

[ rented got x3 ✓ started  
left fell passed had ]

- 1 I got married last year.
- 2 Harry \_\_\_\_\_ in love with Sally.
- 3 Last year, I \_\_\_\_\_ a flat in the centre of Warsaw. It wasn't very expensive.
- 4 Mark \_\_\_\_\_ an argument with Paul yesterday.
- 5 Anna \_\_\_\_\_ school when she was four years old and \_\_\_\_\_ when she was eighteen.
- 6 I'm happy because I \_\_\_\_\_ all my exams.
- 7 Did you hear? Mike and Ellen \_\_\_\_\_ engaged last week.
- 8 Tom \_\_\_\_\_ a degree in Maths.

3 Underline the correct word to complete the text.

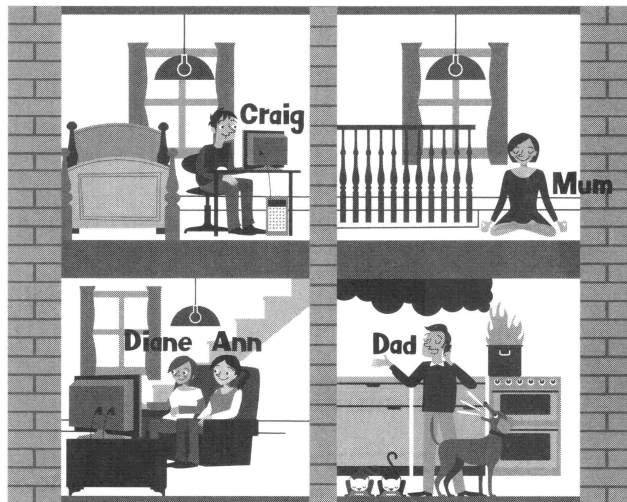
I started university <sup>1</sup> when/then I was seventeen years old. I got a job <sup>2</sup> after/later I left university. <sup>3</sup> Then/At I moved to New York and started a new job. <sup>4</sup> Then/After a few months I met some new friends. <sup>5</sup> When/Then I changed jobs again and met Dave. We started going out <sup>6</sup> after/later a few weeks. A few years <sup>7</sup> later/in we got married. Our son was born <sup>8</sup> in/at 1996.



## Grammar

### Past continuous

4 (\*\*\*) What were the Jones family doing at 7.30 p.m. last night? Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Then look at the pictures and tick (✓) true or cross (X) false.



- 1 ☒ Craig wasn't studying (not study) for his exams.
- 2 ☐ Craig \_\_\_\_\_ (chat) to his girlfriend on the phone.
- 3 ☐ Diane and Ann \_\_\_\_\_ (do) their homework.
- 4 ☐ Mum and Dad \_\_\_\_\_ (not cook) the dinner.
- 5 ☐ The food \_\_\_\_\_ (burn) on the cooker.
- 6 ☐ Mum \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV.

5 (\*\*\*) Look at the pictures in exercise 4 again. Complete the questions and answers with the correct form of the verbs below.

[ be x2 watch speak play  
eat do ✓ x3 cook bark ]

- 1 What was Mum doing at 7.30 p.m. last night? She was doing yoga.
- 2 What \_\_\_\_\_ Diane and Ann \_\_\_\_\_ at 7.30 p.m. last night? They \_\_\_\_\_ TV.
- 3 What \_\_\_\_\_ the dog \_\_\_\_\_ at 7.30 p.m. last night? It \_\_\_\_\_ because the dinner was burning.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Dad \_\_\_\_\_ dinner at 7.30 p.m. last night? No, he \_\_\_\_\_. He \_\_\_\_\_ to a friend on the phone.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ the cats \_\_\_\_\_ at 7.30 p.m. last night? No, they \_\_\_\_\_. They \_\_\_\_\_ some food.

## Past simple and past continuous

### 6 \*\* Underline the correct form to complete the sentences.

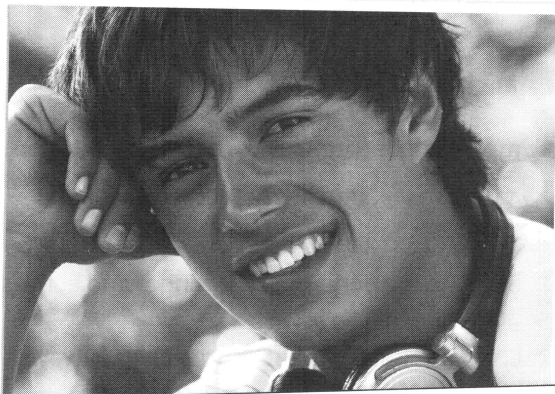
- Angelina Jolie met/was meeting Brad Pitt when they acted/were acting in Mr and Mrs Smith.
- It rained/was raining when I walked/was walking to school this morning.
- What did Joe wear/was Joe wearing when you saw/were seeing him?
- I listened/was listening to music when Kate arrived/was arriving.
- Did you go/Were you going to the cinema last weekend?
- What did you do/were you doing after school yesterday?

### 7 \*\* Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.

- We were doing (do) our homework at 6.30 p.m. yesterday.
- They \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) while they \_\_\_\_\_ (study) at university.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (not listen) when the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ (explain) the problem.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ (see) Sue when we \_\_\_\_\_ (play) in the park.
- When I \_\_\_\_\_ (get up) this morning it \_\_\_\_\_ (not rain).
- What \_\_\_\_\_ (you/do) when I \_\_\_\_\_ (phone)?
- What \_\_\_\_\_ (you/do) last weekend?
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (not go) to school yesterday because I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) sick.

### 8 \*\*\* Complete the text with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs below.

decide want meet read hear be born ✓  
become discover be x2 phone live go



Raul <sup>1</sup> was born in a small town in Spain, but he always <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to live in another country. While he <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ at university he <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ about a special programme for students called Erasmus. He <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to apply. He <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a book at home one day when the organisers <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Raul had a place! He <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to Edinburgh in Scotland for a year. While he <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in Edinburgh he <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a Spanish girl. He <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ very surprised when he <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ that she was from the same town as him! They <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ good friends.

## Grammar reference

### Past continuous

#### Form

+	I/He/She/It We/You/They	was were	
-	I/He/She/It We/You/They	was not (wasn't) were not (weren't)	working yesterday.
?	Was I/he/she/it Were we/you/they		working yesterday?

#### Short answers

Yes, I/he/she/it was.  
No, I/he/she/it wasn't.  
Yes, we/you/they were.  
No, we/you/they weren't.

#### Wh- questions

#### Answers

**What were you doing**  
at seven o'clock?

*I was studying.*

**Why were you crying**  
when she came in?

*I was sad.*

#### Use

Use the past continuous to talk about actions or events in progress at a time in the past:

*I was watching TV at seven o'clock yesterday evening.*

*At that time, my parents were living in New York.*

### Past simple and past continuous

The past simple and the past continuous are sometimes used together. The past continuous is used for the action in progress (or the background action) and the past simple for the completed action. Sentences like this usually contain *while* or *when*.

*While/When I was walking the dog, I dropped my keys.*

*I was watching the TV when the phone rang.*

*They got married in 1992, while they were living in New York.*