

## 9 Choose the correct alternatives.

When I was a young child, I <sup>1</sup>*wasn't worrying/didn't use to worry* about what other people thought of me. While I <sup>2</sup>*would play/was playing*, I was happy and life was simple. As I got older, I <sup>3</sup>*started/kept starting* to worry more. I <sup>4</sup>*wanted/was wanting* everyone to like me. Of course, I <sup>5</sup>*was never asking/would never ask* anyone what they <sup>6</sup>*really thought/were really thinking* of me. One day in the school cafeteria, I <sup>7</sup>*was sitting/used to sit* with a new friend, <sup>8</sup>*chatted/chatting* about life, and this thought <sup>9</sup>*came/was coming* into my head. I <sup>10</sup>*wondered/would wonder*, 'Does she think I'm strange?' So I <sup>11</sup>*decided/was deciding* to ask her. But before I could ask, she <sup>12</sup>*said/was saying*, 'Can I ask you a question? Do you find me too talkative and silly?' That was a huge life lesson for me. I <sup>13</sup>*realised/kept realising* that other people have a critical voice in their head, too.