

Tense review: past simple and past continuous

1 Put the verbs into the correct tense, past simple or past continuous.

- When I was revising in my bedroom, my mobile _____ ringing. (**start**)
- Last Saturday, Alison _____ first in a creative writing competition. (**come**)
- At half time, Liverpool _____ Manchester by three goals to two. (**beat**)
- After trying for hours to do the magic trick, I finally _____. (**succeed**)
- When I saw Sara, she _____ her new trainers. (**wear**)

2 Choose the correct word or phrase.

- Peter didn't suffer from a fear of heights but Conxi **did** / **suffered**.
- Nicky **was overcoming** / **overcame** many difficulties before she learnt to juggle.
- I **did wash** / **do washed** the dishes! Don't you believe me?
- When I looked across the room, Alex wasn't revising but James **was** / **was revising**.
- When Julie woke up the sun **shone** / **was shining** outside.

Would, used to, be used to

3 Find and cross out one word in each sentence that is not necessary.

- When Jill used to go to junior school, she would to bring her lunch to school.
- When Tom was younger he was didn't use to run. Now he runs every day.
- Are you be used to getting up early or shall I set an alarm?
- The sisters weren't used to be speaking English but they soon enjoyed it.
- Michael is happy singing in public. After ten years, he is used to do it.

4 Complete the sentences with a word or phrase in the box. There is one extra word or phrase you do not need.

am used | use | used | used to
usually | would

- Julie didn't _____ to get on with her brother, but now she does.
- Penny _____ be very active as a child.
- When I started school I wasn't _____ to wearing a uniform.
- I have lived in England for ten years and I _____ to hearing English accents.
- I'm not used to failing an exam.
I _____ pass them.

Unit round-up

5 Choose the best answer (A, B or C) to complete the text.

Fernando (1) _____ to the UK from Mexico three years ago. While he (2) _____ for a student flat, he stayed with a host family. He (3) _____ having his meals so early. His host family usually (4) _____ dinner at 7 o'clock. In Mexico, his family (5) _____ often eat at 10 o'clock or later! He travelled to school by bike every day although it was strange cycling on the left as in Mexico he (6) _____ driving on the right. One day, when he (7) _____ to school he forgot and almost (8) _____ an accident.

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| 1 A was coming | B come | C came |
| 2 A was looking | B used to look | C use to look |
| 3 A didn't used to | B used to | C wasn't used to |
| 4 A were having | B had | C use to have |
| 5 A would | B was used | C used |
| 6 A would | B used to | C was used to |
| 7 A used to cycle | B was cycling | C would cycle |
| 8 A was having | B would have | C had |