

PRACTICE

8A

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

- While we _____ (swim) in the pool, someone _____ (take) my towel.
- My sister _____ (argue) with my parents when I _____ (get) home last night.
- Dan _____ (lose) his keys while he _____ (cycle) to work.
- I _____ (fall) down the stairs when I _____ (leave) the building.
- It _____ (snow) when we _____ (leave) work.
- I _____ (take) a photo of a friend when a bird suddenly _____ (fly) into her face!
- Angela _____ (live) in Miami when she _____ (meet) Rico.
- Brad _____ (break) his leg while he _____ (snowboard).

2 Make sentences using the prompts. Use the past simple and past continuous.

- I / make / lunch / when / I / cut my finger.
I was making lunch when I cut my finger.
- Greg / fall off / bike / while / he / cycle / to college.
- I / find / a letter / while / I / read / an old book.
- While / we / sit / on the beach / we / see / an unusual bird.
- Fran / practise / the piano / I / get home.
- She / tell them / the news / while / they / have dinner.
- Dan / wear / a really strange coat / I / see / him.
- Annie / fall over / while / she / run / after the ball.

8B

1 Choose the correct alternatives.

- I want to become a nurse *because/so/to* I need to study hard.
- We're going fishing *because/so/to* I find it relaxing.
- Mick left school at 16 *because/so/to* become a builder.
- I love chocolate *because/so/to* I eat quite a lot of it.
- Paula bought a new dress *because/so/to* wear to the party.
- It was a lovely day *because/so/to* we all cycled to the beach.
- Because/So/To* I like travelling so much, I had four holidays last year!
- I couldn't do my homework *because/so/to* I asked my teacher for help.

2 Complete the sentences with *because, so or to*.

- I enjoy travelling by train _____ I do it quite a lot.
- My parents are taking an Italian course _____ have some fun.
- We decided not to have a barbecue _____ it was raining.
- Ian wanted to surprise Anne _____ he planned a weekend away.
- Ella took a photo of her new hairstyle _____ share with her friends.
- We went to the cinema _____ there was a really good film on.
- I love the sea _____ I try and go sailing every few months.
- Tony rented a car _____ pick up Helen from the airport.

8C

1 Choose the correct alternatives. Sometimes both answers may be possible.

Next year I'd like ¹to take/taking a year out from my job. I don't know what I want ²to do/doing yet, but I have a few ideas. I enjoy ³to travel/travelling and I like ⁴to meet/meeting new people, so I might go backpacking somewhere far away. I wouldn't like ⁵to go/going anywhere dangerous, but I don't mind ⁶to go/going somewhere that's difficult to get to. A friend suggested going to South-East Asia, which sounds exciting, but I've always wanted ⁷to see/seeing South America, so I might go there instead. The problem is I hate ⁸to fly/flying, it makes me really nervous. Anyway, I have lots of time to decide!

2 Make questions using the prompts.

- would / you / visit / Antarctica /?
- you / like / flying /?
- Why / you / hate / play / sport /?
- you / want / go out / this weekend /?
- would / you / hike / 100 km /?
- you / enjoy / travel / by bus /?
- you / need / get / a new passport /?
- Where / you / decide / go / on your last holiday /?
- you / avoid / work / at the weekend /?
- What / you / hope / do / next weekend /?

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