

Fill in the gaps with the past simple or past continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

I _____ (have) a wonderful biology teacher, Mrs. Hughes. She _____ (make) us excited about the subject because she was so interested herself. I remember one lesson in particular; we _____ (study) different types of plants, Mrs. Hughes _____ (describe) the different parts of the flower. She _____ (pick up) a purple flower; I can't remember exactly what it was, and then suddenly we _____ (notice) that she _____ (cry)! She _____ (apologize) and _____ (say) that sometimes nature was so beautiful it just made her cry! We _____ (not/know) what to do at first, but it certainly _____ (make) us think. Something similar _____ (happen) while she _____ (show) us how to work the microscope. She _____ (examine) a slide of some plant tissue and she _____ (smile) all over her face. She suddenly _____ (get) all excited and _____ (say), 'Isn't it wonderful?' Some students _____ (laugh) at her when she _____ (not/look) but I didn't. Somehow her enthusiasm _____ (inspire) me, and I _____ (start) to like biology.



A teacher and a student are talking about local customs. Fill in the gaps with the verbs in brackets in the correct form. Use *would* or *used to* where possible.

Teacher: What sort of things _____ (you/do) as a child?

Yoko: Oh, when I was a child growing up in Japan there were many customs that we _____ (follow). For example, I remember we _____ (move) house when I was seven and we _____ (visit) our neighbors with gifts. At that time the tradition was that people _____ (give) gifts of Japanese noodles, but it is different now and people tend to give things like soap or towels or nothing at all.

Teacher: _____ (have) one tradition that you particularly remember?

Yoko: Yes, one tradition that I _____ (really/like) was in the spring when the cherry blossoms were out. As a family we _____ (go) into the countryside and we _____ (spend) the day eating, drinking and singing. One year my father _____ (take) a lovely photo of me and my sister and I still keep that picture on my wall today.

Teacher: And _____ (you /have to) do anything you didn't like?

Yoko: Yes. I remember how we _____ (have to) clean the house thoroughly. This ceremony is called Osoji and my sisters and I _____ (not/look forward to) it very much!

