

1 Choose the correct form of the verb.

As I ¹ *was cycling / cycled* home from school yesterday, I was feeling pleased because I ² *wasn't having / didn't have* any homework. I thought about what I would do that evening instead. I was so busy ³ *tried / trying* to decide how to spend my free time that I ⁴ *missed / was missing* the end of my road and cycled twenty minutes before I ⁵ *was realising / realised* I stopped near my friend's house, so I ⁶ *went / was going* to visit him and we spent the evening playing computer games.

2 Complete the sentences with the verbs in the past continuous or past simple.

- When I was young, I _____ (want) to be a pilot.
- Maggie _____ (text) a friend when her mother _____ (call) her for dinner.
- What _____ you _____ (do) last night? I called you but there was no answer. I _____ (watch) TV with my family. I didn't hear my phone.
- Rick _____ (take) my photo and _____ (upload) it to Facebook.
- No one really _____ (understand) what they had to do for the homework project, so they asked the teacher.
- I last _____ (see) my cousin when she _____ (visit) us two years ago.
- Monique _____ (walk) home from school when her mum _____ (drive) past her.
- Jules _____ (win) the competition and we _____ (hear) the news last night.

3 Complete the text with the verbs in the box in the correct form. Two of the verbs should be in the negative form.

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Yesterday my friends and I ¹ _____ during the morning break when Jake ² _____ a text from our friend Aysha. She was sick and told us that she ³ _____ come to school for the rest of the week. So we ⁴ _____ to send her a photo of us all with a 'Get well soon' message. Unfortunately, my phone ⁵ _____ very well and the picture wasn't clear. It ⁶ _____ a bit annoying but we finally ⁷ _____ to take a good picture. As we ⁸ _____ it, the school bell ⁹ _____ to tell us that break was over. Perfect timing!

4 Read the conversation and complete the questions below.

Sam: What did you do in art last week?

Toby: We talked about our end-of-year project.

Sam: Oh, yeah? I heard there was a problem or something.

Toby: Well, the teacher left the room for a minute and we all started talking. Sarah was finishing her work while we were chatting, and as she was mixing her paints, suddenly there was a loud clap of thunder. It made us all jump and Sarah spilled her paint everywhere. We were all laughing when the teacher came back into the room.

Sam: Uh oh!

Toby: Well, it was fine because we explained what had happened, but I don't think Sarah will be able to hand in that painting for her end-of-year project now!

0 What did the students talk about in art last week?

The end-of-year project.

- What _____?
Finishing her work.
- What _____?
A loud clap of thunder.
- What _____?
She spilled her paints.
- Who _____?
The teacher.
- Why _____?
Because they explained what had happened to her.

5 Correct the mistakes in these sentences or put a tick (✓) by any you think are correct.

- Last year, I was going to a place in Mexico named Mazatlán. It was amazing.
- I am talking to a friend, when Joe came up to speak to me.
- Last weekend was fantastic and I had a lot of fun.
- The music was so good, that I was dancing all night!
- When we saw our friends in the park they played football.