

1. A teen reporter is talking about some local events. Read what he says and choose the correct answers.

Well, I had a fantastic fortnight over the school holiday going around local events and writing reports for our school newspaper. My favorite was going to a rock concert – the bands were totally ¹**awesome / disgusting!** And I'm not saying that because my brother plays in one of them! Everyone gave an epic performance. On the other end of the scale was the dog show – groan. That really was bad, but I had to stay till the end since my aunt was showing her poodle ... A ²**ridiculous / brilliant** wasted of time, poor dogs! Anyway, the less said about that, the better. Let's move on quickly to a street food festival. Now that was amazing! I tried loads of different types of great food from Asian to Caribbean to Chinese and it was all ³**delicious / awful**. What else! Oh yes, my friends wanted me to try Motocross – you know, off-road motorcycle racing? Well, I admit I found it a bit ⁴**terrifying / terrific** – though I'm not going to tell my friends that – but at the same time, brilliant. I'd do it again, that's for sure.

2. Read the text about an unusual job. Complete each gap with the correct form of one of these phrases. There are two phrases you do not need.

find your way

get your head around

hang around

hang out

have a head for heights

have to laugh

turn up

A true tennis pro

'The sky's the limit', they say in sports, and Rufus is a bird who certainly ¹..... Rufus works at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships and he has over 9,000 followers on Twitter. I ²..... When I heard that! So what exactly does Rufus do? Well, his job as soon as he ³..... In the morning is to chase away any birds that ⁴..... in the hope of finding worms. Every day during the championships, Rufus has to work hard from 5 a.m to keep the courts clear for the players. He quickly discovered the places where the birds preferred to ⁵..... And he does a good job of chasing them away. According to his trainer, the trick is to make sure that Rufus isn't too hungry – otherwise he might try to eat one or two!

6. Complete the sentences with the past simple or continuous form of the verb in brackets.

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1. She **walked / was walking / were walking** to the park when it began to rain.
2. I was working at my computer when suddenly all the lights **went off / didn't go off / were going off**.
3. **Were you / Did you use to / You used to** cycle to school when you were young?
4. While she **was walking / were walking / walked** through the woods, a fox suddenly **was running / were running / ran** in front of her.
5. When we went shopping yesterday, my sister **bought / were buying / was buying** lots of clothes, but I **didn't get / wasn't getting / was getting** anything.
6. He **was used to reading / got used to reading / used to read** several books a month, but he doesn't have time any more.