

9 Choose the correct alternatives.

When I was a young child, I ¹*wasn't worrying/didn't use to worry* about what other people thought of me. While I ²*would play/was playing*, I was happy and life was simple. As I got older, I ³*started/kept starting* to worry more. I ⁴*wanted/was wanting* everyone to like me. Of course, I ⁵*was never asking/would never ask* anyone what they ⁶*really thought/were really thinking* of me. One day in the school cafeteria, I ⁷*was sitting/used to sit* with a new friend, ⁸*chatted/chatting* about life, and this thought ⁹*came/was coming* into my head. I ¹⁰*wondered/would wonder*, 'Does she think I'm strange?' So I ¹¹*decided/was deciding* to ask her. But before I could ask, she ¹²*said/was saying*, 'Can I ask you a question? Do you find me too talkative and silly?' That was a huge *life lesson* for me. I ¹³*realised/kept realising* that other people have a critical voice in their head, too.