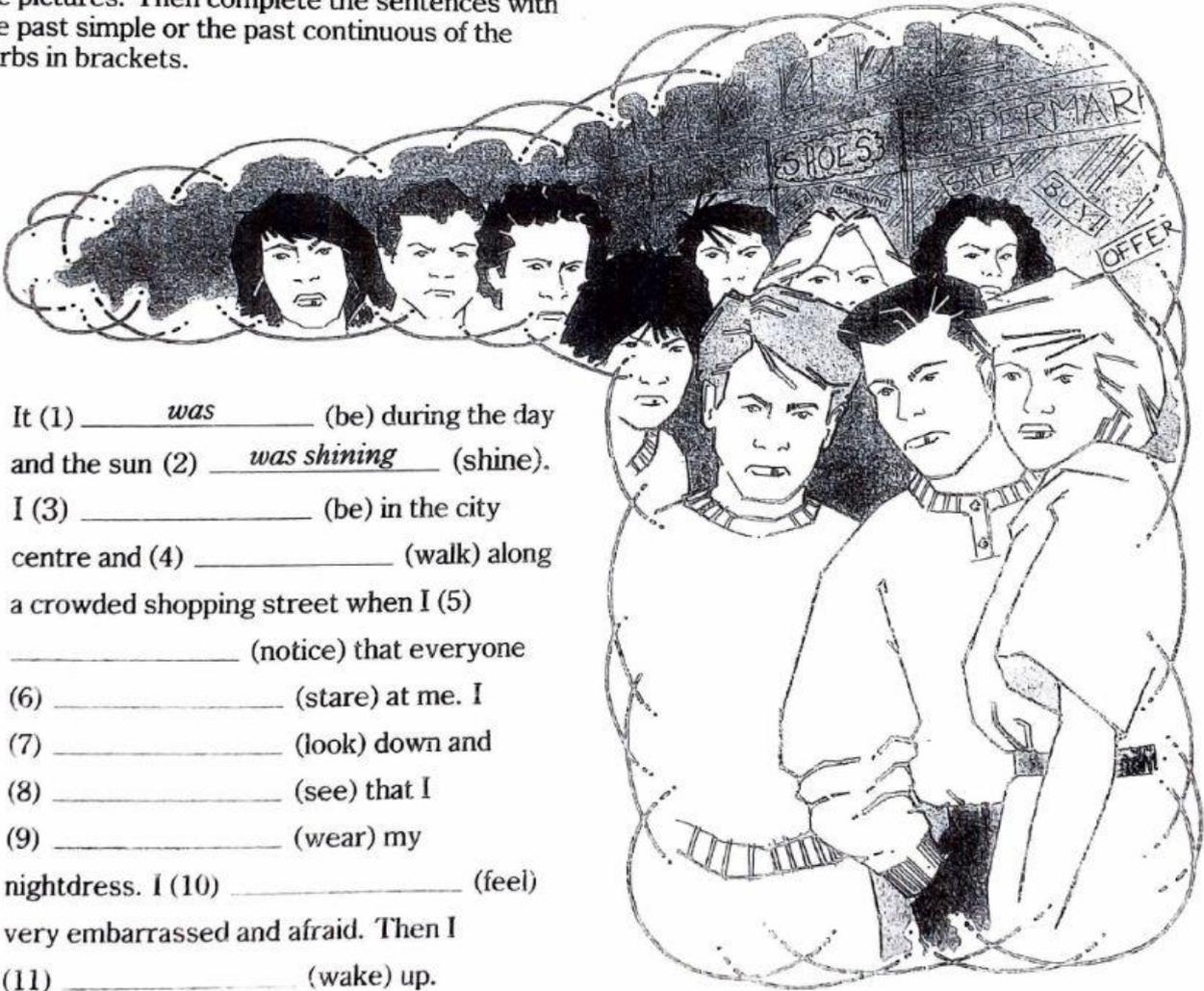
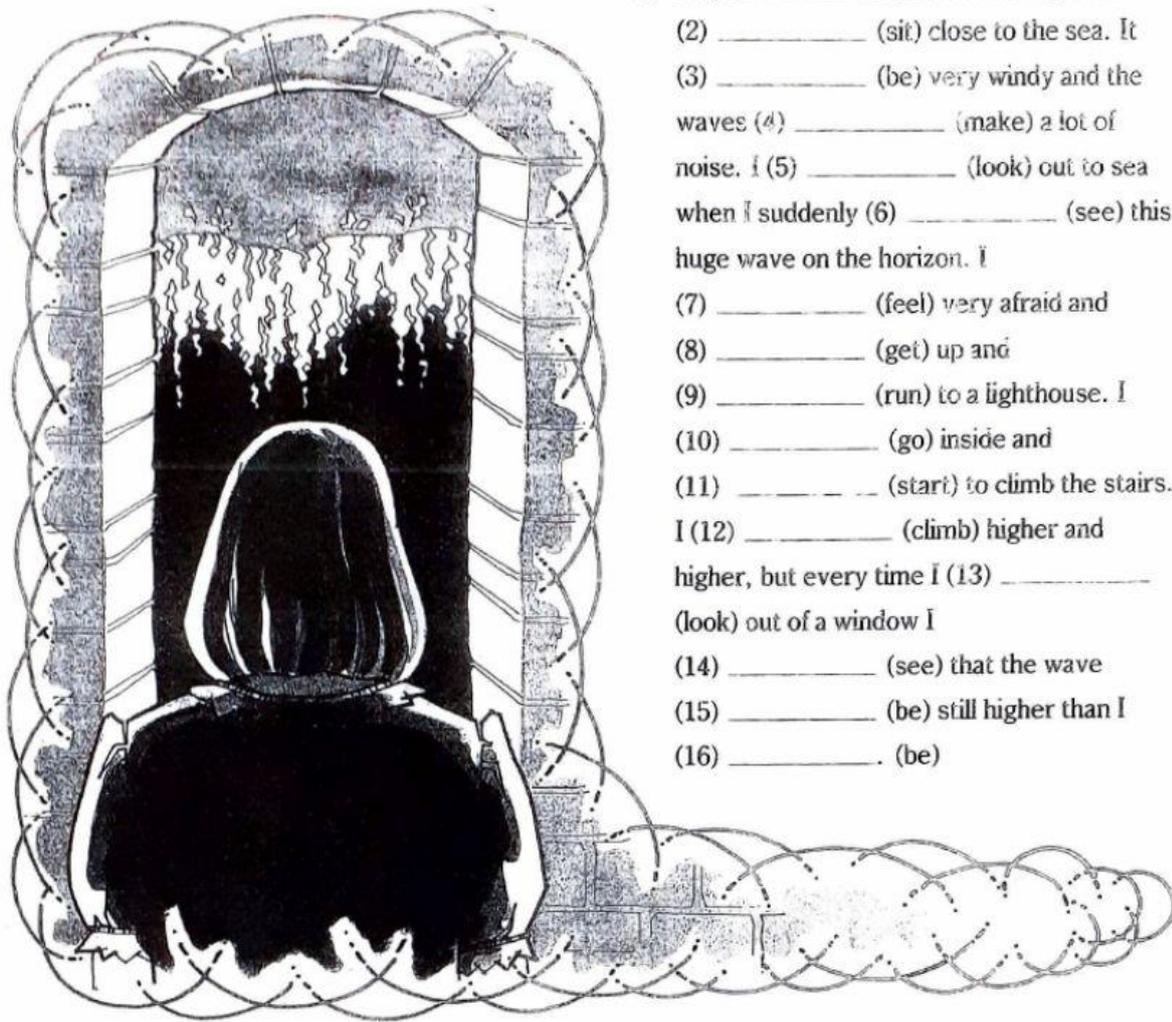


19 Nightmares

- (i) Compare these descriptions of nightmares with the pictures. Then complete the sentences with the past simple or the past continuous of the verbs in brackets.

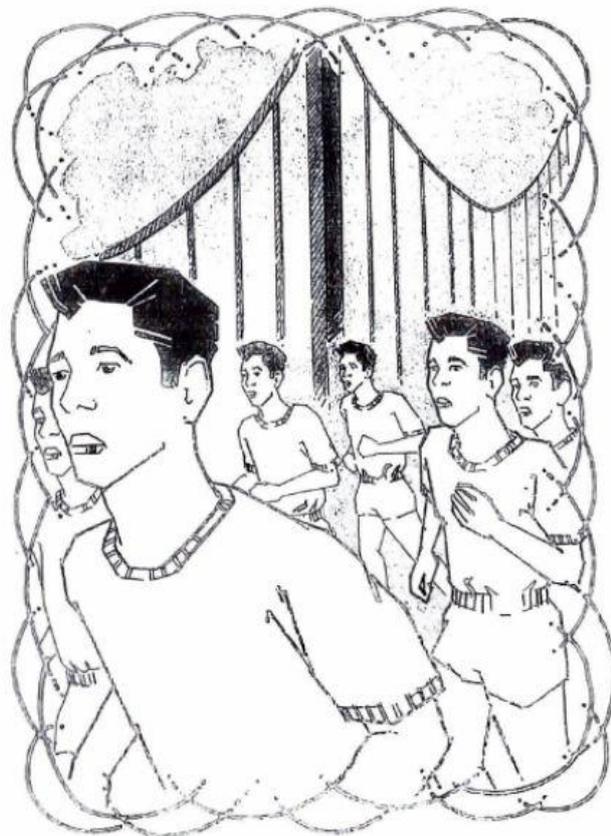


- (a) It (1) was (be) during the day and the sun (2) was shining (shine). I (3) _____ (be) in the city centre and (4) _____ (walk) along a crowded shopping street when I (5) _____ (notice) that everyone (6) _____ (stare) at me. I (7) _____ (look) down and (8) _____ (see) that I (9) _____ (wear) my nightdress. I (10) _____ (feel) very embarrassed and afraid. Then I (11) _____ (wake) up.



- (b) I (1) _____ (be) on a lonely beach and
 (2) _____ (sit) close to the sea. It
 (3) _____ (be) very windy and the
 waves (4) _____ (make) a lot of
 noise. I (5) _____ (look) out to sea
 when I suddenly (6) _____ (see) this
 huge wave on the horizon. I
 (7) _____ (feel) very afraid and
 (8) _____ (get) up and
 (9) _____ (run) to a lighthouse. I
 (10) _____ (go) inside and
 (11) _____ (start) to climb the stairs.
 I (12) _____ (climb) higher and
 higher, but every time I (13) _____
 (look) out of a window I
 (14) _____ (see) that the wave
 (15) _____ (be) still higher than I
 (16) _____ (be)

- (c) I (1) _____ (be) with some friends
 and we (2) _____ (run) in a marathon.
 There (3) _____ (be) hundreds of
 runners around us and it (4) _____
 (be) very hot. We (5) _____ (cross) a
 high bridge over a river when I suddenly
 (6) _____ (notice) that everyone in
 the race (7) _____ (have) the same
 face, even my friends. I (8) _____
 (want) to stop, but there
 (9) _____ (be) so many people behind
 me that I (10) _____ (have to) keep
 running.



- (ii) Have you ever had frightening dreams like the ones in the texts? Write about a nightmare you have had.

Larry Pennyweather has a very bad habit: he is never punctual and is often late for appointments and for work. His girlfriend May gets very angry about this because she nearly always has to wait for him. But when they had a date last week, Larry promised to be on time. Here is part of the story of what happened. Read the text and complete the story with the past simple or past perfect simple of the verbs in brackets.

By the time Larry (1) got (get) out of work it was already half past six. Larry (2) had arranged to meet May outside the cinema at a quarter to seven and the cinema (3) _____ (be) a long way away on the other side of town. He (4) _____ (have to) contact her before she (5) _____ (leave) home. He (6) _____ (run) down the road to a telephone box, (7) _____ (go) inside and (8) _____ (ring) her number. May's flatmate (9) _____ (answer) and told Larry that May (10) _____ n't (be) at home. Larry (11) _____ (look) at his watch. It (12) _____ (be) twenty to seven already. He (13) _____ (know) he had to do something quickly. Then he (14) _____ (see) a taxi parked at the bottom of the street. Larry (15) _____ (start) to run towards it, but by the time he (16) _____ (get) there, another

passenger (17) _____ (get) in and the taxi (18) _____ (drive) off. There was only one thing to do. He would have to run all the way to the cinema.

When a very hot and breathless Larry (19) _____ (arrive) at the cinema, it (20) _____ (be) ten past seven. Larry (21) _____ (look) around, but May (22) _____ (be) nowhere to be seen. Larry was really worried now. Perhaps she (23) _____ (go) home. He (24) _____ n't _____ (know) what to do. Then he (25) _____ (feel) someone tap him on his shoulder. He (26) _____ (turn) round. It (27) _____ (be) May and she was smiling. She wasn't angry after all. And why? Because Larry (28) _____ (make) a mistake. They (29) _____ n't _____ (say) a quarter to seven. They (30) _____ (arrange) to meet at a quarter past, so Larry was five minutes early!

