

**Complete using the words in parentheses with the past simple tense.**

My birthday \_\_\_\_\_ (be) so cool. My family and I \_\_\_\_\_ (start) organizing the house very early for when the guests would arrive. My brother put lots of balloons around the whole house, my mom \_\_\_\_\_ (be) cleaning all the chairs and putting them in a long row. My sister \_\_\_\_\_ (prepare) the food, \_\_\_\_\_ (fill) the glasses with soda, and \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) the table. My dad \_\_\_\_\_ (paint) the walls with many pretty designs. I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) too excited. My friends \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) in the afternoon and the party started, I \_\_\_\_\_ (receive) many gifts and I had a lot of fun, without a doubt my birthday \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very cool.