

Complete this story about a journey, using the past simple and the correct verbs from the box. Use short forms for negatives.

get not stay drive be (x2) shout not speak come not go make
not start not say arrive start go not arrive want

Yesterday I ⁰went on a day trip. My friend Liam ¹ with me. The day ² well because Liam ³ at my house late. He ⁴ why he ⁵ late and I ⁶ at him. Then we ⁷ our journey. I ⁸ the car. A bit later, we ⁹ lost. We ¹⁰ to go to the seaside but we ¹¹ a bad mistake and we ¹² in the right direction. We ¹³ at the beach until very late in the day, so we ¹⁴ for a long time. On the way home, we ¹⁵ to each other at all. We ¹⁶ both very angry.

The road to fame

Complete this interview with a famous singer, using the past simple and the correct words from the box.

offer play you feel happen appear be not earn
you become help it happen see leave enjoy buy want make
you start take ask know have

INTERVIEWER When ⁰ did you start ⁰ singing in the band?

MIA Well, I ¹ 19 years old. The original singer ² the band and the others ³ me to replace him.

INTERVIEWER ⁴ successful very quickly?

MIA No, it ⁵ a long time. We ⁶ in small clubs for many years and we ⁷ much money.

INTERVIEWER ⁸ unhappy then?

MIA No, we ⁹ ourselves. We ¹⁰ a great time. But we ¹¹ to succeed.

INTERVIEWER How ¹²?

MIA Well, a manager ¹³ us playing in a small club and he ¹⁴ to be our manager. He ¹⁵ a lot about the music business and he ¹⁶ us a lot. Because of him, we ¹⁷ on a TV show. Then we ¹⁸ a record and lots of people ¹⁹ it. Everything ²⁰ very quickly then.



Complete these sentences about someone's day at work, using the past simple or the past continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

- 0 While I was travelling (travel) to work, I got stuck in traffic jam.
- 1 When I arrived (arrive) at work, my boss spoke to someone on the phone.
- 2 At 11 a.m., I was doing (do) some work when the boss asked to see me.
- 3 While I was talking (talk) to my boss, his phone rang.
- 4 When I came (come) out of the boss's office, people were not working, they were looking at me.
- 5 At 1 o'clock, I stopped (stop) work and I went (go) for lunch.
- 6 While I was eating (eat) my lunch, a colleague came to my table.
- 7 While we were sitting (sit) together, he asked me a question.
- 8 He asked me: 'What the boss was talking (the boss/talk) about while you were sitting in his office?'
- 9 I said: 'When I went (go) into his office, I felt nervous, but he smiled.
- 10 While we were talking (talk), he offered me a much better job.'

In exercises B, D and E, there are three phrases with *get*. Complete each phrase. The meaning of each one is in brackets:

A *get* ...
(be unable to find your way to a place)

B *get* ...
(marry someone)

C *get* ...
(be unable to move or progress)

Travel writers

Complete this story, using the past simple or the past continuous form of the correct verbs from the box. You will need to use some of the verbs more than once.

plan ask have decide meet travel come sit write give
discover become start make do chat continue not like live

Joan was living ⁰ in Paris when she came ¹ to Paul. She sat ² in a café when he walked ³ to her table and sat ⁴ if he could sit there. They were talking ⁵ and while they were talking ⁶, they were ⁷ that they had ⁸ a lot in common. Both of them were ⁹ novels and both of them were ¹⁰ jobs that they were ¹¹. They were ¹² very good friends.

One day, while they were having ¹³ lunch in the same café, they were ¹⁴ an idea. They were ¹⁵ to travel around the world together. While they were ¹⁶ their trip, they were ¹⁷ working. Then they were ¹⁸ up their jobs and they were ¹⁹ their journey. While they were ²⁰, they were ²¹ all sorts of adventures, and they were ²² all sorts of interesting people. They were ²³ lots of notes while they were ²⁴ these experiences. When they were ²⁵ home again, both of them were ²⁶ books about their journey.

C4 Read this email and underline the best tense for each verb.

Hi Bea

A funny thing 1 happened/was happening to me and my flatmates on Saturday.

On Friday night we 2 went/were going to the college party. There were some new students there and we 3 met/were meeting someone called Lucas. We 4 invited/were inviting him to Sunday lunch. It was a great party so we 5 didn't go/weren't going home until three o'clock.

Of course, we 6 didn't get/weren't getting up early on Saturday morning. At half past twelve I

7 watched/was watching TV in my pyjamas, Marie 8 had/was having a shower and Wendy 9 read/was reading a magazine. Suddenly someone 10 rang/was ringing the doorbell. I 11 looked/was looking out of the window to see who was there. Lucas 12 stood/was standing on the step. I 13 went/was going to the door but I 14 didn't open/wasn't opening it. I said 'Hello?' and he said 'Hello, I've come for lunch.' Oh no! He'd got the wrong day!!

We 15 got/were getting dressed in three minutes! Luckily we 16 had/were having enough food, and he seemed to enjoy it. How was your weekend? Love Annette

C5 Read this newspaper article and put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense, past simple or past continuous.

An honest customer

Yesterday Jon Atkins 1 went (go) into Harpers' Art Gallery at the end of the afternoon. He 2 want (want) to buy a present for his mother. It 3 be (be) nearly closing time and owner Michael Harper 4 count (count) the money. Quickly Jon 5 choose (choose) a small picture and Mr Harper 6 wrap (wrap) it for him.

While 7 he wait (wait) for his bus, Jon 8 decide (decide) to look at the picture again. In the parcel he 9 find (find) £500 in cash as well as the picture. He

10 run (run) back to the shop. It was closed so Jon 11 look (look) through the window.

Michael Harper 12 search (search) under the counter, and his assistants 13 look (look) in all the cupboards and drawers. 'I 14 knock (knock) on the window and 15 wave (wave) the money at them' said Jon.

'I was so happy,' said Mr Harper. 'It's wonderful to know that there are honest people like Jon.'

Complete the sentences by using the correct form of the verbs in brackets and choosing the correct alternative where necessary. Use the Past Simple or Past Continuous together with any other words given.

- 1 She *would/used to* know everyone in the neighbourhood before they (build) all those blocks of luxury flats.
- 2 We (watch) television when we (hear) the alarm go off.
- 3 When we (be) young, Grandma *would tell/was telling* us a story before we (go) to bed.
- 4 (you know) her before she (move) into the flat next to yours.
- 5 Carrie (fall) asleep when the film (begin) and (not wake up) until the end.
- 6 Why (you tell) your sister that we (have) an argument with my parents last night?
- 7 (he work) on the car when I (phone) yesterday afternoon?
- 8 They (not live) in London at that time because they (leave) the capital three years ago.
- 9 *Did you use to/Would you* have long hair when you (be) a teenager?
- 10 His neighbours (look) out of their windows as the police (open) the gate, (walk) down the path and (ring) his front doorbell.

Complete the dialogue by using the correct form of the verbs in brackets and any other words given. Use the Past Simple or the Past Continuous.

Mother: When we (1) (get) home, you two (2) (shout) at each other. Why?

Alison: I (3) (listen) to my iPod while I (4) (do) my homework when she (5) (take) it from me because hers (6) (have) something wrong with it.

Mother: What (7) (you do) then?

Alison: I (8) (ask) her to give it back.

Debbie: No, (9) (you not ask) for it back, you liar! You (10) (throw) your pen at me.

Alison: That was because you (11) (start) laughing while I (12) (try) to get it back.

Mother: OK. You're both grounded for a week!

Alison: That's not fair!

Debbie: