



**A Complete the story. Use the past simple form of the verb in brackets.**

Last December, I <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (plan) a surprise birthday party for my sister, Hannah. I <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (invite) lots of friends to our house and <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (explain) that the party was a secret. On the day of the party, I <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (tidy) the house, <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (decorate) the living room and <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (prepare) some tasty food. The guests <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) at seven o'clock and we <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) in the dark for Hannah to come home. We <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to be very quiet! When she <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (open) the living room door and <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (turn) on the light, we <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (shout) 'Happy birthday!' Everybody <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (clap) and <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (cheer). My sister was certainly surprised!

**C Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs below.**

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- 1 Susan was proud of her son the day before yesterday. He \_\_\_\_\_ three goals in the match!
- 2 We really \_\_\_\_\_ our holiday in France last summer. It was very romantic!
- 3 I \_\_\_\_\_ a gym a couple of months ago. It's great fun!
- 4 The bride \_\_\_\_\_ a beautiful bouquet of flowers at the wedding.
- 5 It \_\_\_\_\_ last weekend, so we couldn't have a barbecue.
- 6 When he was younger, my dad \_\_\_\_\_ at Cambridge University.
- 7 When I was in England last year, I \_\_\_\_\_ a lot because I \_\_\_\_\_ my family.
- 8 My grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ work when she was 60, but my granddad \_\_\_\_\_ until he was 79!