

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

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

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

carry	cry	join	love	miss	rain	score	stop	study	work
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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!

Complete the time expressions with the words in the box.

afternoon ago before last month years yesterday

- 1 four years _____
- 2 _____ night
- 3 yesterday _____
- 4 two _____ ago
- 5 _____ morning
- 6 last _____
- 7 the day _____ yesterday