4 Complete the text with the correct past simple or past continuous form of the verb given.

Culture exchange

Famous actors from Australia



Hugh Jackman was born in Sydney. When he **(a)** ..... (grow up), he **(b)** ..... (want) to be a chef on a plane – because he liked food and travelling! After university, he **(c)** ..... (start) doing musicals in Melbourne, London and New York. After his success in *X-Men*, he starred in many big Hollywood movies, including *The Greatest Showman* and *The Front Runner*. Jackman **(d)** ..... (met) his wife while they **(e)** ..... (make) an Australian TV series.



Nicole Kidman was born in Hawaii. When she was four, she **(f)** ..... (move) to Sydney, Australia. While she **(g)** ..... (study) at acting school, a director **(h)** ..... (encourage) her to become a professional actor. Her successful 30-year career includes many well-known films such as *Moulin Rouge*, *The Hours* and *Aquaman*. She **(i)** ..... (met) her first husband, Hollywood superstar Tom Cruise, when they **(j)** ..... (film) *Days of Thunder* in 1998. They divorced ten years later.



Brenton Thwaites is from Cairns. As a child he **(k)** ..... (want) to be a police officer or a firefighter. When he was 16, he **(l)** ..... (perform) in *Romeo and Juliet* and **(m)** ..... (decide) to study acting. While he **(n)** ..... (study), he **(o)** ..... (appear) in a small Australian film. His Hollywood career includes appearances in films such as *The Giver* and *Pirates of the Caribbean*. When he isn't acting, he loves surfing.

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5 Complete the sentences with *when* or *while*. When both are possible, write *while*.

1 I broke my leg ..... I was skateboarding.
2 Did you find my keys ..... you were looking for your hat?
3 Lara and Mason were doing the washing up ..... we arrived home last night.
4 ..... the teacher asked Marta a question in class, she wasn't listening.
5 We were walking to school ..... we saw Mr Wilson on the bus.
6 ..... I was chatting online, Matt called me on my phone.

6 Complete the sentences in an interesting or creative way. Use the past simple form of the verb.

1 When my family was having dinner yesterday, ...
2 ... when I was studying in the library this afternoon.
3 ... while I was travelling to school today.
4 While I was packing my school bag this morning, ...
5 ... while I was having a shower.
6 When I was lying in bed last night, ...

Use it ... don't lose it!

7 SPEAKING **Compare your sentences in 6. Are any the same or similar? Read some of the interesting sentences to the rest of the class.**

When my family was having dinner yesterday, my dad found a spider in the salad!

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