

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 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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