

**6** Complete the text with the past simple, past continuous or past perfect form of the verbs below.

be be become die get leave live  
meet not stop retire say work write



Japan is the country with the most centenarians: over 50,000. It is also where Jiroemon Kimura, the man with the longest lifespan ever, <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ born in 1897, the year that Bram Stoker <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ *Dracula*. Kimura <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ school at fourteen and <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a job in a post office. While he <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ there, he <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ his future wife Yae. He <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a postal worker for 45 years when he <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in 1962. But he <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ working! He <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a farmer! In an interview just before he <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ at the age of 116, he said he wasn't sure why he <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ so long. 'Maybe it's thanks to the sun,' he <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. 'I'm always looking up to the sky!'