30a Complete the sentences. Use the past simple of the verbs in brackets.

0 I ...*watched*... a really good film on TV last night. (watch)
1 The bus ..... fifteen minutes late yesterday. (arrive)
2 My parents ..... much when they were young. (not travel)
3 I ..... to my friend for an hour on the phone yesterday. (chat)
4 We ..... basketball at primary school. (not play)
5 My sister ..... French at university. (study)
6 He ..... at a fantastic hotel on holiday last summer. (stay)
7 My friends ..... to go out last Saturday night. (not want)
8 I ..... the summer holidays when I was a child. (love)
9 The rain ..... after fifteen minutes. (stop)
10 I ..... my car last week, so now it's really dirty. (not clean)
11 They ..... jazz when they were young, but now they love it. (not like)
12 We ..... the heavy boxes up the stairs to the sixth floor. (carry)

30b Complete the story. Use the past simple of the verbs in brackets.

"This (0) ...*happened*... (happen) a year ago. I usually drive to the town centre to meet my friend for lunch on Saturdays, but that day I (1) ..... (decide) to take the bus. I (2) ..... (wait) at the bus stop for ten minutes, but the bus (3) ..... (not arrive), so I (4) ..... (try) to call my friend from a nearby phone box. Unfortunately, she (5) ..... (not answer) and while I was there, I (6) ..... (miss) the bus! So I (7) ..... (start) to walk. When I finally (8) ..... (arrive) at the restaurant an hour later, my friend (9) ..... (not believe) my story and (10) ..... (shout) at me for being late!"

30c Complete the conversations. Use the past simple of the verbs in the boxes.

dance	~~enjoy~~	finish	talk	walk

A: (0) ...*Did*... you ...*enjoy*... the party on Saturday night?
B: Yes. The music was great, so I (1) ..... a lot. And I (2) ..... to some interesting people.
A: What time (3) ..... the party ..... ?
B: At about two. Then I (4) ..... home.

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hate	live	move	start	travel	work

A: (5) ..... you ..... in London when you were a child?
B: No. My father (6) ..... as a diplomat and we (7) ..... all over the world.
A: When (8) ..... you ..... to London?
B: Five years ago, when I (9) ..... work. I (10) ..... it at first, but now I love it.

31a Complete the sentences. Use the past simple.

	Every year	**Last year**
0	We go to a different country on holiday.	We ..*went*.. to Greece.
1	We see the famous monuments.	We ..... the Parthenon.
2	We take a lot of photos.	We ..... more than 100 photos.
3	We sleep late every morning.	We ..... until ten o'clock.
4	We eat the local food.	We ..... some Greek salad.
5	We meet some interesting people.	We ..... a Greek family.
6	We buy souvenirs to take home.	We ..... a beautiful vase.

31b Complete the story. Use the past simple of the verbs in brackets.

"Last week my mother (0) ..*lent*.. (lend) me her car and I (1) ..... (drive) to a nearby town. I parked the car in a side street and I (2) ..... (do) some shopping. When it (3) ..... (be) time to go home, I realised that I (4) ..... (not remember) where the car (5) ..... (be). I (6) ..... (spend) about an hour looking for it, but I (7) ..... (not find) it. I (8) ..... (feel) really stupid. Finally, I (9) ..... (ring) my mother. Fortunately, she (10) ..... (not get) angry. She (11) ..... (tell) me to leave the car and come home. So I (12) ..... (catch) a bus and the next day we (13) ..... (go) back together and (14) ..... (find) the car."

31c Complete the conversations. Use the past simple of the verbs in brackets.

0 **A:** Where ..*did you put*.. your keys? (you / put)
B: I think I ..*left*.. them on the table. (leave)

1 **A:** What time ..... ? (the concert / begin)
B: It ..... at nine, but some people ..... late. (begin, come)

2 **A:** What ..... you for your birthday? (your parents / give)
B: A sweater. But my sister ..... me anything! (not give)

3 **A:** Where ..... yesterday when I called? (you / be)
B: I ..... at home, but I ..... the phone. (be, not hear)

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4 A: How ..... your leg? (you / break)
B: I ..... off my bike. (fall)

5 A: What ..... to the wedding? (your brother / wear)
B: He ..... a new suit. It ..... 500 euros! (wear, cost)

32a Complete the sentences. Use the past continuous of the verbs in brackets.

0 I ..*was sitting*.. at home one day, feeling miserable. (sit)

1 It ..... and I ..... about my summer holidays. (rain, think)

2 Later that day, I ..... the Internet. (surf)

3 I ..... for anything in particular. (not look)

4 Then I found an interesting site. A new airline ..... cheap flights to India. (advertise)

5 Some of my friends ..... round India. (travel)

6 They were in Delhi and they ..... a wonderful time. (have)

7 Suddenly, it seemed like a good idea to join them and two days later I ..... at home in cold, miserable England; I ..... to Delhi! (not sit, fly)

8 When I got off the plane, my friends ..... to meet me. (wait)

32b Complete the conversations. Use the past continuous of the verbs in brackets.

0 A: What ..*were you doing*.. yesterday evening? I knocked on the door, but no one answered. (you / do)
B: I ..*was listening*.. to loud music. I didn't hear you knock. (listen)

1 A: Where ..... at eight o'clock this morning? (Karl / go)
B: To a job interview. That's why he ..... a suit and tie. (wear)

2 A: ..... the computer all morning? (you / use)
B: Yes, I ..... . I ..... to some friends online. (chat)

3 A: The neighbours ..... a lot of noise last night! (make)
B: Yes, I know. They ..... their wedding anniversary while the rest of us ..... to get some sleep! (celebrate, try)

4 A: I didn't see Eve or George in August. What ..... ? (they / do)
B: Well, Eve ..... across the US with some friends and George ..... in his dad's shop. (drive, work)

5 A: Who ..... to outside the cinema last night? (you / talk)
B: Some friends. We ..... the film. (discuss)

6 A: I'm so tired! Brian and I ..... in the garden all day yesterday! (dig)
B: Really? Why ..... ? (you / dig)

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32c **Complete the news story. Use the past continuous of the verbs in the box.**

do	have	plant	~~rob~~	sleep	talk	work

Noisy neighbours help burglars



There was a burglary at the home of local man Mike Knight yesterday afternoon. It seems that the thieves (0) ...*were robbing*... Mr Knight's house while he (1) ..... some work in his garden. 'I (2) ..... vegetables in the garden all afternoon,' Mr Knight told reporters, 'and I didn't hear a thing.'

While Mr Knight (3) ..... in the garden, his neighbours (4) ..... a barbecue to celebrate their son's birthday. 'They (5) ..... really loudly,' Mr Knight said.

When Mr Knight went into his house, his dog Goldie (6) ..... peacefully in the living room, but the TV and hi-fi were missing. 'I don't understand why Goldie didn't bark,' said Mr Knight. 'Maybe the thieves gave him some sleeping pills!'

33a **Complete the sentences. Use *when* or *while*.**

0 Was it snowing ...*when*... you went to bed last night?

1 They had lunch ..... they were waiting for the plane.

2 ..... she put new batteries in the toy, it started working again.

3 ..... I was walking home, I fell over and cut my knee.

4 Helen didn't say hello ..... I saw her this morning.

5 ..... you were out jogging, Frank brought your book back.

6 Did everybody go home ..... the concert finished?

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33b Write sentences. Use the past simple and past continuous.

0 while / I / do / the washing up / I / break / a glass
While I was doing the washing up, I broke a glass.

1 your mother / ring / while / you / have / a bath

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2 when / we / see / them / they / buy / food / for the party

.....

3 while / she / shop / she / meet / on old friend

.....

4 we / park / our car / when / we / have / the accident

.....

5 what / you / read / when / I / come / into the room?

.....

6 while / I / chop / the onions / I / cut / my finger

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