

I Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets: the past simple, the past continuous and the past perfect.

0 The euro is the official currency of the European Union. It came (come) into existence on 1st January 1999.

1 In November 1989 people in Berlin _____ (begin) to openly destroy the Wall which _____ (divide) the city into two for many years.

2 In 1980–1981 the communist regime in Poland _____ (try) to stop the Solidarity movement but it _____ (not succeed).

3 The European anthem ‘Ode to joy’ comes from the Ninth Symphony of Ludwig van Beethoven who _____ (compose) it four years before he _____ (die).

4 He _____ (start) thinking of a united Europe while he _____ (help) to rebuild his country after the war,

5 I am a Eurosceptic and I believe the life in my country _____ (be) better before we _____ (join) the European Union.

II Choose the correct form. In one sentence both answers are correct – choose both of them.

0 When I was a child, shops used to / would be closed on Sundays.

1 On the night of December 12, 1981 they arrested / used to arrest a lot of Solidarity leaders.

2 People in western countries didn't use to / wouldn't believe that life under communism was so hard.

3 I would watch / watched the session of the European Parliament twice only – the first time I was curious and the second time during my social studies lesson.

4 Every time her children argued, she used to / would sit with them as though they were in a court and judge their disputes.

5 Did you use to / Would you be scared of anything when you were a child?

III Complete the text with the verbs from brackets using past tenses: Past Simple, Past Continuous or Past Perfect.

It was Sunday afternoon. I(watch) a cookery program on TV when I(realise) how hungry I was. But of course I was hungry; I(not eat) anything since lunch, and I (run) a race in the morning. “Biscuits!” I (think) My mother(give) me a jar of delicious home-made biscuits.

I(go) into the kitchen,(open) the fridge and (pour) some milk in a big glass. Then I (look) for the kitchen chair but it(not be) there: somebody (take) it away. And there were no biscuits in the biscuit jar: somebody(eat) them all! I was sure I (put) the jar there the previous day, and I (eat) only one cookie. It was very strange.

A few minutes later, I(drink) my glass of milk when I(hear) a loud noise coming from the dining room. I(go) there quickly and I(open) the door. I couldn't believe my eyes. An enormous monkey(eat) the biscuits excitedly on the kitchen chair.