

Fill in the gaps with the past simple or past continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a wonderful biology teacher, Mrs. Hughes. She \_\_\_\_\_ (make) us excited about the subject because she was so interested herself. I remember one lesson in particular; we \_\_\_\_\_ (study) different types of plants, Mrs. Hughes \_\_\_\_\_ (describe) the different parts of the flower. She \_\_\_\_\_ (pick up) a purple flower; I can't remember exactly what it was, and then suddenly we \_\_\_\_\_ (notice) that she \_\_\_\_\_ (cry)! She \_\_\_\_\_ (apologize) and \_\_\_\_\_ (say) that sometimes nature was so beautiful it just made her cry! We \_\_\_\_\_ (not/know) what to do at first, but it certainly \_\_\_\_\_ (make) us think. Something similar \_\_\_\_\_ (happen) while she \_\_\_\_\_ (show) us how to work the microscope. She \_\_\_\_\_ (examine) a slide of some plant tissue and she \_\_\_\_\_ (smile) all over her face. She suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ (get) all excited and \_\_\_\_\_ (say), 'Isn't it wonderful?' Some students \_\_\_\_\_ (laugh) at her when she \_\_\_\_\_ (not/look) but I didn't. Somehow her enthusiasm \_\_\_\_\_ (inspire) me, and I \_\_\_\_\_ (start) to like biology.



A teacher and a student are talking about local customs. Fill in the gaps with the verbs in brackets in the correct form. Use *would* or *used to* where possible.

**Teacher:** What sort of things \_\_\_\_\_ (you/do) as a child?

**Yoko:** Oh, when I was a child growing up in Japan there were many customs that we \_\_\_\_\_ (follow). For example, I remember we \_\_\_\_\_ (move) house when I was seven and we \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) our neighbors with gifts. At that time the tradition was that people \_\_\_\_\_ (give) gifts of Japanese noodles, but it is different now and people tend to give things like soap or towels or nothing at all.

**Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_ (have) one tradition that you particularly remember?

**Yoko:** Yes, one tradition that I \_\_\_\_\_ (really/like) was in the spring when the cherry blossoms were out. As a family we \_\_\_\_\_ (go) into the countryside and we \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) the day eating, drinking and singing. One year my father \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a lovely photo of me and my sister and I still keep that picture on my wall today.

**Teacher:** And \_\_\_\_\_ (you /have to) do anything you didn't like?

**Yoko:** Yes. I remember how we \_\_\_\_\_ (have to) clean the house thoroughly. This ceremony is called Osoji and my sisters and I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/look forward to) it very much!

