

- 2** Fill in the gaps with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets. In which gaps could you use *used to*?

I 1 had (have) a wonderful biology teacher, Mrs Hughes. She 2 (make) us excited about the subject because she was so interested herself. I remember one lesson in particular; we 3 (study) different types of plants, and Mrs Hughes 4 (describe) the different parts of the flower. She 5 (pick up) a purple flower, I can't remember exactly what it was, and then suddenly we 6 (notice) that she 7 (cry)! She 8 (apologise) and 9 (say) that sometimes nature was so beautiful it just made her cry! We 10 (not/know) what to do at first, but it certainly 11 (make) us think. Something similar 12 (happen) while she 13 (show) us how to work the microscope. She 14 (examine) a slide of some plant tissue and she 15 (smile) all over her face. She suddenly 16 (get) all excited and 17 (say), 'Isn't it wonderful?' Some students 18 (laugh) at her when she 19 (not/look) but I didn't. Somehow her enthusiasm 20 (inspire) me, and I 21 (start) to like biology.

- 3** A teacher and 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 1 did you use to do (you/do) as a child?

Yoko: Oh, when I was a child growing up in Japan there were many customs that we 2 (follow). For example, I remember we 3 (move) house when I was seven and we 4 (visit) our new neighbours with gifts. At that time the tradition was that people 5 (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: 6 (have) one tradition that you particularly remember?

Yoko: Yes, one tradition that I 7 (really/like) was in the spring when the cherry blossoms were out. As a family we 8 (go) into the countryside and we 9 (spend) the day eating, drinking and singing. One year my father 10 (take) a lovely photo of me and my sisters and I still keep that picture on my wall today.

Teacher: And 11 (you/have to) do anything you didn't like?

Yoko: Yes. I remember how we 12 (have to) clean the house thoroughly. This ceremony is called Osoji and my sisters and I 13 (not/look forward to) it very much!