

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!