Past simple, past continuous, *used to, would, keep + -ing*

1 Complete the texts with the correct past form of the words in brackets. Use the past simple, past continuous, *used to*, *would* or *keep + -ing*. Use each form at least once. Sometimes more than one form is possible.

Small change, big impact

a I [1]_____ (drive) my flatmate crazy because I [2]_____ (lose) my keys around the house so often. I [3]_____ (put) them down in a special spot and then [4]_____ (forget) where that special spot was. I [5]_____ (spend) ages looking for them. Finally, my flatmate [6]_____ (put up) a key holder by our front door and [7]_____ (insist) that I hung my keys there. It [8]_____ (be) simple, but life-changing. I haven't lost my keys since!



b I [9]_____ (look) for ways to simplify my life when I [10]_____ (read) that many successful people [11]_____ (wear) the same thing every day, like a uniform. Apparently, these people [12]_____ (save) a lot of time and mental energy by doing this. I [13]_____ (not have) a lot of money to spend on new clothes, so I [14]_____ (build) my uniform over time. I [15]_____ (decide) to buy clothes that were navy, white or brown. I [16]_____ (think) it might be boring, but it has definitely made my life easier.

c I [17]_____ (find) writing in English difficult. I [18]_____ (can) think of ideas, but I [19]_____ (make) a lot of mistakes. I [20]_____ (complain) in class one day when my teacher [21]_____ (suggest) that I read my work aloud to check it. I [22]_____ (be) surprised to find that it actually [23]_____ (help). I [24]_____ (do) it and my writing has become a lot more accurate.

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