# Past simple and past continuous

**1** Write the past simple form of these regular and irregular verbs.

1 cry _____
2 travel _____
3 send _____
4 enjoy _____
5 stop _____
6 break _____
7 fall _____
8 chat _____
9 happen _____
10 say _____
11 know _____
12 try _____
13 cut _____
14 turn _____

**2** Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs in Exercise 1.

1 Last summer, my friend and I _____ around the south of France. We really _____ ourselves.
2 _____ you _____ at the end of the film? I thought it was really sad.
3 Sarah is very angry. What _____ you _____ to her? You _____ to her yesterday.
4 I _____ my grandmother an email yesterday with a photo but she _____ (not) how to open the attachment!
5 My mobile phone _____ on the floor but the screen _____ (not). That was lucky!
6 I didn't see the accident. It all _____ very quickly.
7 My PC was making a strange noise so I _____ using it and _____ it off.
8 We _____ to open the box with a knife but my dad _____ himself. There was blood everywhere!

**3** Write questions with the past simple.

1 When / you / buy / that tablet / ?
2 How much / your new computer / cost / ?
3 What / you / do / after school yesterday / ?
4 Why / you / not / call me last night / ?
5 Where / Dad / save / the photos / on the computer / ?
6 Which files / you / delete / ?
7 How many copies / Gary / print / yesterday / ?
8 Which company / Steve Jobs / help to start / ?

**4** Write the *-ing* form of the verbs.

1 attach _____
2 tie _____
3 run _____
4 save _____
5 give _____
6 get _____
7 delete _____
8 change _____
9 upload _____
10 think _____
11 win _____
12 spot _____
13 serve _____
14 realise _____

Out & About 1 – PHOTOCOPIABLE © Cambridge University Press 2015
LIVEWORKSHEETS

## 5 Complete the sentences with the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

1 I _____ (make) my dinner at 8 o'clock last night.
2 Joe and Sam _____ (use) the wrong program in IT yesterday.
3 Who was that guy you _____ (dance) with at the party?
4 Paula _____ (come) home from school when she saw an accident.
5 In 1999 my father _____ (live) in Dublin. That's where he met my mother.
6 He _____ (open) the box when he cut his finger.
7 This time last week, we _____ (visit) my grandmother.
8 I _____ (sit) at the back of the classroom so I couldn't see the screen.
9 Andrew _____ (insert) a photo into his document when the teacher stopped the class.
10 I _____ (start) to do my homework when my friend sent me a message.

## 6 Choose the correct options.

1 I *listened / was listening* to the radio when I *heard / was hearing* this fantastic song.
2 When the teacher *said / was saying* 'Stop!', I *still tried / was still trying* to finish the last question.
3 I feel really silly! While I *danced / was dancing*, I *fell / was falling* and *broke / was breaking* my elbow.
4 Tim *played / was playing* a computer game when his mum *called / was calling* him for lunch.
5 I *looked / was looking* for a file on my memory stick when I *noticed / was noticing* there was a virus.
6 Ron *found / was finding* a really interesting website about dance music while he *surfed / was surfing* the internet.
7 My mum *had / was having* breakfast near the computer when she *spilled / was spilling* her cup of coffee on the keyboard.
8 When you *saw / were seeing* me yesterday, I *didn't go / wasn't going* to school, I *went / was going* to the doctor's – I felt terrible.
9 How many pictures *did you take / were you taking* while you *travelled / were travelling* around Ireland?
10 Why *did you chat / were you chatting* to Philip while I *tried / was trying* to tell you something really important?

## 7 Complete the sentences with the past simple or the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

1 I _____ (switch off) the computer because it _____ (make) a strange noise.
2 My dad _____ (listen) to classical music when I _____ (arrive) home from school.
3 We _____ (play) video games when my mum _____ ,(say) 'Turn the volume down!'
4 My cousin _____ (meet) his wife, Bianca, while he _____ (live) in Italy.
5 My little sister _____ (draw) a picture while I _____ (study) for my French exam.
6 While they _____ (try) to fix the computer, all the lights _____ (go out).
7 When we _____ (leave) school yesterday, it _____ (pour) with rain.
8 When you _____ (see) Paul, _____ he _____ (wear) a black jacket?
9 I _____ (try) to log on when the WiFi _____ (stop) working.
10 While Dad _____ (print) an article, the printer _____ (run out) of paper.

## 8 Complete the story with the correct past tense form of the verbs in brackets.

Sometimes I hate computers! Once, when I [1]_____ (try) to do my English homework on my laptop, the battery [2]_____ (run out). I [3]_____ (lie) on my bed and I was listening to music on Spotify. It helps me to concentrate. I [4]_____ also _____ (chat) to my friend Daniel on *Facebook*. OK, so I [5]_____ (not concentrate) very hard on my homework and I [6]_____(forget) to plug in my laptop!I didn't notice that the battery was getting low. I was just finishing the essay when the screen [7]_____ (go) black. I [8]_____ (lose) everything. I [9]_____ (scream) in frustration. My dad [10]_____ (come) running into my bedroom. I [11]_____ almost _____ (cry) so he [12]_____ (give) me his laptop. I [13]_____ (try) to remember everything in my essay – it [14]_____ (be) quite difficult especially because Daniel was sending me lots of funny videos. Anyway, while I was watching one, the WiFi stopped working. In the end it was probably better because I [15]_____ (manage) to finish the essay.

Out & About 1 – PHOTOCOPIABLE © Cambridge University Press 2015
LIVEWORKSHEETS