

3A GRAMMAR past simple, past continuous, or used to?

● Complete the conversations with the correct form of the verbs in brackets: past simple, past continuous, or *used to*.

1

Ben Helen, do you recognize that woman over there?
I think we ¹used to go (go) to school with her.

Helen Oh, yes. That's Clare Brown! She looks so different.
She ² _____ (have) much longer hair.

Ben Yes, and she ³ _____ (not wear) glasses.

Helen I wonder what she's doing these days.
The last time I ⁴ _____ (see) her, she
⁵ _____ (work) as a teacher.

Ben What subject ⁶ _____ (she / teach)?

Helen I'm not sure. Shall we go and say hello?



2

Evie What ⁷ _____ (you / think) of the exam, Oliver?

Oliver Well, I ⁸ _____ (be) good at maths when I was at primary school, but I
⁹ _____ (find) the exam today really difficult. How about you?

Evie Me too. And I ¹⁰ _____ (not have) enough time to answer all the questions.

Oliver Yeah, I ¹¹ _____ (still / write) when the teacher ¹² _____ (say) 'Stop'.

Evie Oh, well. Let's just hope we both pass.



3

Tom Welcome back, Justin. How was the skiing trip?

Justin Not so great. Unfortunately, my wife
¹³ _____ (break) her leg on the first day.

Tom Oh, that's terrible. How ¹⁴ _____ (it / happen)?

Justin Well, the funny thing is, she ¹⁵ _____ (not ski) at the time! She ¹⁶ _____ (fall) over in the hotel when we ¹⁷ _____ (walk) down the stairs to go to breakfast.

Tom Oh no! What a shame!



ACTIVATION

Test your memory. Cover the conversations and look at the pictures. In pairs, say what you can remember about the people in the pictures.