

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*.

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- Ben** Helen, do you recognize that woman over there?
I think we ¹*used 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.