

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



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

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

## 2 Read the texts and answer the questions.

- What life changes have the people made and why?
- Have you ever tried anything similar?

## 3 Work in pairs and discuss the questions.

- Think of a change you've made in your life (it could be big or small). What was it?
- Did it have a big impact?