

Tense review: past simple and past continuous

1 Choose the correct word or phrase.

- I **managed** / **was managing** to get a photo of the fox I **saw** / **was seeing** yesterday.
- While Patty **did run** / **was running** to school, she **was falling** / **fell** over and hurt her leg.
- Kim **came** / **was coming** last in the gymnastic competition yesterday, but she **didn't mind** / **wasn't minding** because she achieved her best score.
- Jenny **didn't know** / **wasn't knowing** what to say when she **found** / **was finding** a spider in the bath. She was too stressed.
- This milk **smells** / **is smelling** terrible! When **were you opening** / **did you open** it?

2 Complete the sentences with your own ideas using the past simple or past continuous. Use each tense at least twice.

- At 6 o'clock last Sunday,
I _____
- After I had lunch yesterday,
I _____
- Last night, my mobile rang while
I _____
- Last summer, I _____
- Yesterday at 2 o'clock,
I _____

Would, used to, be used to

3 Tick the correct sentences. Underline the mistakes in the other sentences and correct them. Sometimes there is more than one answer.

- When I was ten years old, I would enjoyed beating my sister at tennis. _____
- When we arrived in the UK, my dad wasn't used to drive on the left. _____
- When I was younger I didn't used to come first in anything. _____
- After practising for two years, I am finally used to writing my weekly blog. _____
- When I was ten, my sister use to teach me piano and I would teach her to skateboard.

4 Complete the second sentence so it has a similar meaning to the first. Do not change the word given. Use two to five words, including the word given.

- I don't find it difficult to remember my times tables any more. **USED**
I _____ remembering my times tables.
- My sister has been using a tablet since she was five. Now it's normal for her. **IS**
My sister _____ a tablet.
- When I was five, I used to wake up at 6 o'clock every day. **WOULD**
When I was five, I _____ up at 6 o'clock every day.
- I suffer from stress when I speak in public because I haven't done it much. **USED**
I suffer from stress because I _____ in public.
- My dad never lost at tennis when he was younger. Now he does! **TO**
My dad didn't _____ at tennis when he was younger. Now he does!

Unit round-up

5 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in the box. There is one extra verb you do not need.

get | hear | practise | run | see
teach | turn | use | wear

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Tennis star

When I was living in Madrid I (1) _____ to have tennis lessons every week. One day, I (2) _____ with my teacher when we (3) _____ a scream. I (4) _____ around and saw a girl running towards the entrance. She was shouting 'Rafa! Rafa!' I followed her and was amazed to see the famous tennis player, Rafa Nadal, about ten metres away. He (5) _____ tennis clothes and was holding a racket. The girl took a selfie with him and then (6) _____ off. As I wasn't used to (7) _____ famous people, I ran up to him and (8) _____ his autograph and a photo too!