



A Complete the story. Use the past simple form of the verb in brackets.

Last December, I ¹_____ (plan) a surprise birthday party for my sister, Hannah. I ²_____ (invite) lots of friends to our house and ³_____ (explain) that the party was a secret. On the day of the party, I ⁴_____ (tidy) the house, ⁵_____ (decorate) the living room and ⁶_____ (prepare) some tasty food. The guests ⁷_____ (arrive) at seven o'clock and we ⁸_____ (wait) in the dark for Hannah to come home. We ⁹_____ (try) to be very quiet! When she ¹⁰_____ (open) the living room door and ¹¹_____ (turn) on the light, we ¹²_____ (shout) 'Happy birthday!' Everybody ¹³_____ (clap) and ¹⁴_____ (cheer). My sister was certainly surprised!

B Tick ✓ the sentences which are true about you. Make the other sentences true by changing the underlined words.

- 1 I chatted to my best friend on the phone last night.
- 2 When I was a child, I hated carrots.
- 3 It was my birthday last month.
- 4 This morning, I arrived at school at 8.15 a.m.
- 5 I replied to an email two days ago.
- 6 Yesterday evening I watched the news on TV.
- 7 I lived in Paris when I was eight.
- 8 I visited my relatives the day before yesterday.

C Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs below.

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- 1 Susan was proud of her son the day before yesterday. He _____ three goals in the match!
- 2 We really _____ our holiday in France last summer. It was very romantic!
- 3 I _____ a gym a couple of months ago. It's great fun!
- 4 The bride _____ a beautiful bouquet of flowers at the wedding.
- 5 It _____ last weekend, so we couldn't have a barbecue.
- 6 When he was younger, my dad _____ at Cambridge University.
- 7 When I was in England last year, I _____ a lot because I _____ my family.
- 8 My grandmother _____ work when she was 60, but my granddad _____ until he was 79!