

Now complete this paragraph, using the pictures to help you.

C We had a great time last weekend. It (21) was a lovely day, so in the evening we (22) cycled into town. We (23) ..... a pizza. We (24) ..... the menu when a waiter (25) ..... me. While the manager (26) ....., another waiter (27) ..... my friend. Of course, we (28) ..... the meal.



**Present continuous and present simple; past continuous and past simple** (*I am doing and I do, I was doing and I did*)

8 Choose the correct form of the verbs.

- ADAM: Hello, Mike. What (1) are you doing / do you do in this part of London?  
 MIKE: Well, actually, (2) I'm looking / I look at flats round here.  
 ADAM: Flats? (3) Are you wanting / Do you want to move?  
 MIKE: Yes, in fact, believe it or not, Mandy and I (4) are getting / get married.  
 ADAM: That's great! Congratulations. When (5) were you deciding / did you decide?  
 MIKE: Only last week. It was while we (6) were staying / stayed with her family in Scotland. Now (7) we try / we're trying to find a suitable flat.  
 ADAM: It'll be great to have you as neighbours. I hope you manage to buy one soon.  
 MIKE: Oh we (8) aren't looking / don't look for one to buy. We (9) aren't having / don't have enough money yet. (10) We're wanting / We want to find somewhere to rent.  
 ADAM: Yes, of course. That's what we (11) did / were doing at first. Actually, in the end, my brother (12) was lending / lent us some money. That's how we (13) were managing / managed to buy ours.  
 MIKE: Really? Perhaps I'll talk to my family before (14) we choose / we're choosing a flat.  
 ADAM: That's not a bad idea. My family (15) gave / were giving us quite a lot of helpful advice. Now, what about a coffee? There's a good place just round the corner.  
 MIKE: Oh, yes, I (16) looked / was looking for somewhere to sit down when I bumped into you. Let's go.

Complete this description of the life of a musician, using the verbs given. Use either the past simple or the past continuous.

Colin Boyle was born in 1973 near Dublin, Ireland. In 1983 he became seriously ill. While he (1) was recovering (recover) his uncle (2) gave (give) him an old violin. He enjoyed playing and practised at his school every day after lessons. One day in 1987, John Leaf, the manager of several successful musicians, (3) ..... (have) a meeting with the headmaster when he (4) ..... (hear) Colin practising. He immediately (5) ..... (contact) Colin's teacher and (6) ..... (invite) Colin to appear in one of the concerts he (7) ..... (organise) that year. Colin, however, (8) ..... (refuse) Leaf's invitation, because just then he (9) ..... (prepare) for some important school exams. Colin (10) ..... (pass) his exams and (11) ..... (go) to college to study engineering. At college he (12) ..... (meet) Kim O'Malley, who (13) ..... (study) chemistry. Kim was also a keen amateur musician. Being students, they rarely (14) ..... (have) much money and they usually (15) ..... (work) as waiters at weekends. One evening in April 1992, while Colin and Kim (16) ..... (serve) customers, the manager (17) ..... (announce) that there would be no live music in the restaurant that night as the regular band could not come. Colin and Kim (18) ..... (persuade) him to let them play to the customers. Everyone (19) ..... (be) amazed to hear how good they (20) ..... (be). Six months later they (21) ..... (decide) to leave college because they (22) ..... (earn) so much money as musicians. Their success has continued ever since.

Complete the following paragraphs with suitable verbs. Use either the past simple or past continuous tense.

A John Blake was born in London in 1969. He (1) went to work in France when he was nineteen. While he (2) ..... in a restaurant in Paris, he (3) ..... Luisa, an Italian student. He (4) ..... her to marry him, but she wouldn't. Heartbroken, he (5) ..... to England. Three years later, John (6) ..... along a street in London when he (7) ..... Luisa. She (8) ..... London with a friend called Maria. When John and Maria (9) ....., they fell in love at first sight, and got married the following year.

B I had a terrible time last Saturday. It was rather cold, but quite sunny, so after lunch I (10) walked into town. I (11) ..... to buy a pullover. I (12) ..... in the window of a clothes shop when someone (13) ..... my wallet. While I (14) ..... home, it (15) ..... to rain and I arrived home cold and miserable. I (16) ..... to have a hot bath. I (17) ..... ready to have my bath when the doorbell (18) ..... It was a salesman and it took me several minutes to get rid of him. Unfortunately, all the time he (19) ..... to me the water (20) ..... You can imagine the state of the bathroom!