

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

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