

Past simple vs Past continuous – used to/would

- 15** Read the radio interview and put the verbs in brackets into the *past simple* or the *past continuous*.

Reporter: Yesterday, Bailey Franks **1) noticed (notice)** a wildfire outside the town of Kinglake. Bailey, tell us what **2)** (**happen**).

Bailey: Well, it **3)** (**be**) a hot day, but the wind **4)** (**blow**) pretty hard. While I **5)** (**drive**) through the forest, I suddenly **6)** (**smell**) smoke, so I **7)** (**lock**) my truck and **8)** (**go**) to investigate.

Reporter: And what **9)** (**you/find**)?

Bailey: A fire **10)** (**burn**) in the forest, and it **11)** (**grow**) larger by the minute because of the strong wind.

Reporter: What **12)** (**you/do**) next?

Bailey: I **13)** (**call**) the fire service immediately. They **14)** (**arrive**) quickly and **15)** (**manage**) to put out the fire before it **16)** (**get**) out of control.

Reporter: It's a good thing you **17)** (**see**) the fire before it spread. You **18)** (**save**) the people of Kinglake a lot of trouble!

- 17** Put the verbs in brackets into the *past simple* or the *past continuous*.

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Hi bloggers!

1) Did you feel (you/feel) the earthquake last Thursday night? I **2)** (**be**) at home with my flatmates, Simon and Mike. We **3)** (**eat**) dinner, **4)** (**wash**) the dishes and then **5)** (**go**) into the living room. At about 9 o'clock, I **6)** (**watch**) TV and Simon **7)** (**read**) a magazine while Mike **8)** (**sleep**) on the sofa. Suddenly, the ground **9)** (**start**) to shake. I **10)** (**not/know**) what to do. "It's an earthquake!" Simon **11)** (**shout**). "We have to go outside!" But then, just as suddenly, the earthquake **12)** (**stop**). What a relief! Afterwards, Simon and I **13)** (**check**) that nothing was broken when we **14)** (**realise**) that Mike **15)** (**still/sleep**)! Not even an earthquake can wake him up! So what about you? What **16)** (**you/do**) when the earthquake **17)** (**hit**)?

- 16** Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form of the *past simple* or the *past continuous*. Then, answer the questions about yourself.

1 *Did you eat (you/eat)* breakfast yesterday morning?

Yes, I did. / No, I didn't.

2 (**you/do**) housework all day yesterday?

3 (**you/watch**) TV at 10 o'clock last night?

4 (**your best friend/go**) on holiday last summer?

5 (**your parents/have**) dinner with you last night?

- 18** Use the prompts to form questions based on the text in Ex. 17. Then, answer the questions.

1 When/earthquake/occur?

When did the earthquake occur?

On Thursday night.

2 Where/be/Mark?

3 What/Simon and Mark/do/at 9 o'clock?

4 Where/Mike/sleep?

5 What/Simon and Mark/do/after the earthquake?