

1 Choose a verb. Then complete with the correct form of the past simple.

be carry close give not see play want

- They closed the windows when it got cold.
- Jamila _____ to avoid the storm.
- _____ you _____ in the snow on Sunday?
- I _____ the forecast on TV yesterday.
- Max always _____ an umbrella when he lived in London.
- They _____ late last night because it was raining.
- Liz _____ me her gloves because my fingers were cold.

2 Complete the sentences using phrasal verbs in the correct form.

~~blow away~~ burn down clear up come out
fall down put out

- During the storm, our neighbour's fence blew away.
- I love it at night when the stars _____.
- In California, a huge forest has _____ thanks to one cigarette.
- If the weather _____ later, we'll have a picnic.
- It took them five hours to _____ the fire.
- The bridge _____ and nobody can cross the river.

3 Think about when you were at primary school. Complete the sentences with *used to* / *didn't use to* so that they are true for you, and delete the extra word.

- It didn't use to snow a lot ~~of~~ in winter.
- I _____ enjoy to swimming in summer.
- I _____ watch a lots of films when it rained.
- My country _____ have more extreme weather than at now.
- I _____ be interested of in the weather forecast.
- I _____ be afraid of the lightning and thunder.

4 Put the word in brackets in the correct form.

- ‘Did you hear the thunderstorm last night? Wow, I ¹ woke (wake) up at 3 a.m. The rain was hitting my window ² _____ (loud) and the lightning was illuminating the whole sky. I ³ _____ (be) completely terrified. I got out of bed and I ⁴ _____ (fall) on my knee. Ouch! I watched the storm for about half an hour, then it ⁵ _____ (become) calmer and the rain stopped. I ⁶ _____ (use to) enjoy storms when I was little, but now they scare me. My baby brother was scared too. He ⁷ _____ (throw) his blanket off and ⁸ _____ (cry).’

5 Complete the sentences with a verb from the box to make a contrast. Put the verb in the correct tense.

be break burn down ~~find~~ live sell write

- She didn't lose it, she found it.
- They didn't buy the house, they _____ it.
- You didn't fix my computer, you _____ it.
- Claire didn't write several songs, she _____ hundreds.
- It wasn't hot last August, it _____ really cold.
- The building didn't fall down, it _____.
- Karlo doesn't live in Paris, he _____ in Rome.

6 Complete the email using present simple / continuous or past simple.

announce get give not be not bring
pack tell ~~write~~

Hi, Sarah

I ¹ am writing from my hotel here in Bermuda. They ² _____ on the news last night there could be a small hurricane. Right now, we ³ _____ in any great danger, but the hotel staff ⁴ _____ us to be prepared for it. I ⁵ _____ a special bag at the moment. I ⁶ _____ any clothes for a hurricane, but before breakfast this morning they ⁷ _____ everyone a special poncho. I should go now. It ⁸ _____ windy! See you soon.

1

- 1 closed
- 2 wanted
- 3 Did, play
- 4 didn't see
- 5 carried
- 6 were
- 7 gave

2

- 1 blew away
- 2 come out
- 3 burned/burnt down
- 4 clears up
- 5 put out
- 6 fell down / has fallen down

3

Students' own answers.

- 1 It *didn't use to* snow a lot ~~of~~ in winter.
- 2 I used to / didn't use to enjoy ~~to~~ swimming in summer.
- 3 I used to / didn't use to watch a lots of films when it rained.
- 4 My country used to / didn't use to have more extreme weather than ~~at~~ now.
- 5 I used to / didn't use to be interested ~~of~~ in the weather forecast.
- 6 I used to / didn't use to be afraid of ~~the~~ lightning and thunder.

4

- 1 woke
- 2 loudly
- 3 was
- 4 fell
- 5 became
- 6 used to
- 7 threw
- 8 cried

5

- 1 found
- 2 sold
- 3 broke
- 4 wrote
- 5 was
- 6 burned/burnt down
- 7 lives

6

- 1 am writing
- 2 announced
- 3 're/are not
- 4 told / are telling
- 5 'm/am packing
- 6 didn't / did not bring
- 7 gave
- 8 's/is getting