

GRAMMAR

Past simple & past continuous | *used to & would*

- 1 Complete the text with the verbs from the box in the past simple or past continuous.

buy fall find happen kill leave lie
look for not have pray spend strike try wait

Miracle man

On January 12th 2010 a devastating earthquake¹ _____

Haiti. It² _____

230,000 people and³ _____

_____ more than one million

people homeless. Twenty-seven days later rescuers⁴ _____

_____ still _____ survivors when they⁵ _____ Evans

Monsignac. When the earthquake⁶ _____

Evans⁷ _____ rice in a market in

Port-au-Prince. While he⁸ _____ to

run to safety, a huge piece of concrete⁹ _____

_____ on him. He¹⁰ _____ the

next 27 days under that piece of concrete. While he¹¹ _____

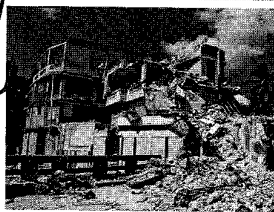
_____ there, he¹² _____

anything to eat or drink except a little dirty water. He¹³ _____

_____ that he would survive while he¹⁴ _____

_____ for rescuers to find him. He now just wants

to live life to the full with his family.



- 2 Match the sentence halves. Then write the complete sentences with the past simple, past continuous and the word given.

- 1 I / ski / down the mountain / when ☐
- 2 We / drive home / when ☐
- 3 The volcano / erupt / during the night / while ☐
- 4 We / sit / in our office / when ☐
- 5 While / they / search / for survivors ☐
- 6 Luckily / no one / play / in the park ☐

- A everyone / sleep
- B our desks / begin / to shake
- C I / hear / the avalanche
- D another building / collapse / right near them
- E when / the lightning / hit / the trees
- F we / see / the tornado / out of the car window

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____

- 3 Circle the correct alternative.

- 1 When my grandfather was a teenager, he **used to work / was working** in a factory.
- 2 **Did you use to / Used you to** live in a small town?
- 3 I **would / used to** have a cute little black dog, but sadly we had to sell him when we moved house.
- 4 How **did we use to communicate / were we communicating** before mobile phones?
- 5 When we were at primary school, **we'd go / were going** to the same place for our holidays every year.
- 6 I **didn't use to / wouldn't** like rap music, but now I love it!

- 4 Look at the information about Daniel. Write sentences with the correct form of *used to*.

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| 1 lived in a rented flat | lives in his own house |
| 2 had a small patio | has a big garden |
| 3 owned a second-hand bike | owns an expensive car |
| 4 had a goldfish called Wanda | has a dog called Caleb |
| 5 ate at home every night | eats in top restaurants |
| 6 stayed at home during the holidays | goes abroad on holiday |

- 1 Daniel *didn't use to* live in his own house. He *used to* live in a rented flat.

- 2 He _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____

- 5 Complete the sentences.

- 1 When I was young, I used to _____
 - 2 And every morning, I'd _____
 - 3 I never used to _____
 - 4 My father used to _____
- Every day, he'd _____