**Repetition: past simple**

**Fill in the correct form of past simple. If you don’t know one of these verbs in past simple look it up.**

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 ‘Can you pass me your rubber, please?’ ‘Could you lend me your book for a minute, please?’, even when they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) talking to friends. Or: ‘Oh sorry, did I step on your foot?’ ‘Oh sorry, I think it’s going to rain today.’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) it possible to say sorry so many times a day? Her telescope \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (tell) her that it was.

Oh, she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) nearly forgotten, what about this very strange custom of exclaiming ‘How lovely!’ for things you got every day. Especially cups of tea. Through the telescope she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (can) see an enormous cup of tea and chocolate biscuits. All around it she could see lots of her classmates’ faces, all exclaiming, ‘Oh lovely! Look, a nice cup of tea and chocolate biscuits. ’They were all smiling and excited.

Then someone was shaking her and saying, ‘Tea’s ready! Renia, were you asleep?’ Renia \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (open) her eyes and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (look) into the smiling face of Robert, her host brother. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (reply) : ‘Not really asleep, just dreaming. ’Then she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (remember) her dream. She looked at Robert and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (say) with a smile, ‘Tea? How lovely!’

And her host brother Robert \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (smile) back but he looked a bit surprised at the same time. ‘Hey! Do you know that’s the first time I’ve heard you be pleased about something. Normally you sound bored with everything we do.’

This time it was Renia’s turn to look surprised. ‘Do I? I don’t mean to, I just find some things strange – that’s all. And lots of things I really like.’ She smiled at him again and thought, ‘I think he’s really nice and really quite good-looking.’

Robert looked at her more closely. ‘You know, perhaps you’re not so bad after all, just new.’ And Renia said, ‘Yes, just new,’ and ‘Thank you for understanding,’ and smiled back again. This time Robert blushed.

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Solution:

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