

Practice

1 Match the underlined words in 1–10 with the explanations A–J.

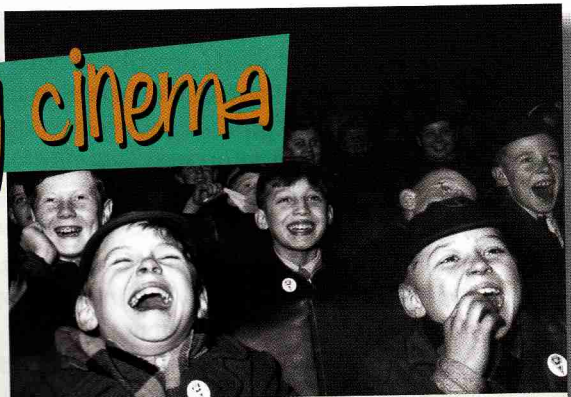
- 1 They ran the same test eight times before they found the bug in the software.
 - 2 The soldier was trying to deactivate the land mine when it exploded.
 - 3 While we were at university, we would often go to the capital to take part in political demonstrations.
 - 4 Food was in short supply throughout the war.
 - 5 Claire jumped out of her chair, ran to the balcony and grabbed the screaming child.
 - 6 The whole time that I was talking, the one child in the audience was howling!
 - 7 Lorenzo the Magnificent died in Florence in 1492.
 - 8 We had a busy morning. Steve answered the phone calls and I dealt with the emails.
 - 9 A day out for the family used to cost considerably less than it does now.
 - 10 The fire was raging through the whole night.
- A A single or completed action in the past.
 - B A sequence of different, completed actions in the past.
 - C Two actions which happened at the same time in the past.
 - D The same action repeated several times in the past.
 - E A state existing for some time in the past.
 - F An action in progress in the past.
 - G One action interrupted by another, shorter action.
 - H Two actions in progress at the same time in the past.
 - I A description of a past situation which is different now.
 - J A past action that happened frequently but no longer happens.

2 GRAMMAR IN USE Read the text and choose the correct verb form in *italics>. If both forms are correct, choose both. 2.38 Listen and check.*

Saturday morning cinema

One of the highlights of life when I was a child (1) *was / would* Saturday morning cinema, or the pictures, as we called it then. I remember the first time my mother (2) *allowed / used to allow* me to go, when I was about ten. It (3) *was / would be* so exciting! That was with my big brother, of course; she didn't (4) *use to allow / allow* me to go on my own at that age. From then on, I (5) *would / used to* go every Saturday morning, as long as Dad (6) *earned / was earning* money at the time – his work (7) *was / used to be* a bit erratic.

My brother and I (8) *would always / always used to* meet up with a big group of friends and (9) *we'd go / we were going* to the local flea pit – it (10) *was / would be* a really old cinema, which was probably why the Saturday kids' pictures (11) *were / used to be* held there! We (12) *would always / always used to* get there about half an hour before the doors opened so we could get the best seats, and while we



(13) *were queuing / used to queuing* some of the older children would go and buy sweets.

It's amazing to think now what a bargain it (14) *was / would be* – I can't remember how much we paid, but we (15) *used to get / were getting* about three films of different types. There'd often be a couple of parts of serials, and then a main feature. It (16) *would / used to be* really good value. Then we'd all leave the cinema hungry, despite the sweets, and troop back home for the lunch that our mothers had spent the morning making. That was the main point of course – to get us out of the house for a few hours!