Era el 31 de octubre y todos los niños estaban muy emocionados. A las dos y media, salieron de la escuela y caminaron hacia sus casas. Mientras caminaban, hablaban de las actividades que siempre hacían esa noche. También planeaban algunas travesuras que iban a hacer. De repente, vieron que una extraña figura se acercaba. Parecía una mezcla de animal y de monstruo: tenía la cabeza de Frankenstein y llevaba una enorme capa negra como un vampiro. Pero caminaba sobre cuatro patas. Asustados, los niños lo miraron en silencio por unos instantes. Luego, todos gritaron y corrieron en mil direcciones para escapar. Desaparecieron rápidamente sin notar que debajo de la capa meneaba alegremente la cola de un perro que también quería salir esa noche para recibir dulces o hacer travesuras.

It was October 31st and all the children were very excited. At 2:30, they left school and walked toward their houses. While they walked, they talked about the activities they always did on that night. They also planned some tricks that they were going to play. All of a sudden, they saw that a strange figure was approaching. It seemed like a mixture of animal and monster: it had the head of Frankenstein and wore a huge black cape like a vampire. But it was walking on four legs. Frightened, the children looked at it, in silence for a few seconds. Then everyone began to shout and run in a thousand directions to escape. They disappeared rapidly without noticing that underneath the cape was happily wagging the tail of a dog who also wanted to go out that night to trick or treat.

Práctica. Lea el siguiente párrafo y decida si los verbos entre paréntesis indican el medio de la acción o no. Luego dé la forma correcta de cada verbo (pretérito o imperfecto) según el caso.

La historia de un ex novio

I used to have (tener) a boyfriend named Hector. He was (ser) very tall and handsome, and we used to spend (pasar) a lot of time together. We would go (ir) everywhere together. That is, until he met (conocer) a new girl, Jane. He talked to her (hablarle) once and then invited her (invitarla) to a big dance. He told me (decirme) that it was because he felt sorry for her (tenerle compasión), but I didn’t believe him (creerse). I wanted (querer) to kill him! But I decided (decidir) to do something else. Since I knew (saber) where she lived (vivir), I went (ir) over to her house to tell her what a rat Hector was (ser). But when I got there (llegar), I saw (ver) that his car was (estar) parked in front. I got (ponerme) so angry that I started (empezar) to slash his tires. Just then, Hector came out (salir) of the house. When he saw me (verme), he yelled (gritar) and ran (correr) toward me... (Continúa en Repaso, Capítulo 6.)