

ENGLISH 9 - UNIT 4

Exercise 1. Complete the following sentences with the given words.

tradition wealthy special generation
inherited supposed preserve acted

1. Alex decided to follow his family _____ and study medicines.
2. She's a young politician who manages to bridge the _____ gap.
3. Oliver's parents are very _____, so he doesn't have to find a part-time job while studying at university.
4. Wedding is one of the _____ occasions in one's life.
5. Dan didn't answer his phone, so I _____ that he's busy.
6. Cultural heritage travel helps _____ traditions.
7. The children _____ out their favourite poem.
8. She _____ a lot of money from her father when he died.

Exercise 2. Read the text then do the task.

LIFE IN THE PAST VS LIFE IN THE PRESENT

Over the last century, there have been many significant changes in the way we live. Obviously, it is difficult to compare the life of ancient people and the life of the people living in the twenty-first century because so many changes have occurred. Even the changes that have occurred over the last ten years are amazing.

To start with, in the past people had to work harder as they did not have tools and machines to make their work easier. Today, most of the difficult and dangerous work is done by computers and other powerful machines. In the past living conditions were not as comfortable as they are now. Besides, many people could not afford household appliances like a fridge or a vacuum cleaner because those used to be luxurious goods. Another difference between living now and in the past is the fact that

nowadays education is accessible to everyone. In the past men were mainly the only ones educated and women were not allowed into public or private schools. Besides, nowadays it is much easier to find the educational materials and the information you need - thanks to the Internet. We are able to speak to a friend who is in the other corner of the world because we are connected 24/7. Nevertheless, people had better relationships with their neighbors in years gone by.

All things considered, it is an obvious conclusion that life has changed significantly during the course of history. In some ways, it is definitely easier to live in the present. On the other hand, however, life now is much faster and stressful than it used to be in the past. The standard of living has definitely improved but it can be discussed whether the quality of our lives is also better.

Decide whether the following sentences are true (T) or false (F).

1. Life nowadays is the same as the life of our ancestors.
2. Technology has made our lives easier.
3. In the past, household appliances were very expensive.
4. Public schools allowed females and males to be educated in the same schools.
5. We can use the internet to communicate with people around the world.

Exercise 3. Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

1. It's so hard to stop smoking when it's been a lifelong _____.
2. I need to get some more _____ before I take my driving test.
3. We've fallen into the _____ of getting up late on Saturday mornings.
4. Germany has a _____ of good quality newspapers.
5. His _____ towards her was becoming more and more violent.