

Lesson 6: Past Routines

Activity 3 Reading



Life in the past

Home life in the past was very different to home life today. There **was** less technology and chores were harder. People **got up** earlier because they **had** many chores to do. People **picked up** wood every day for their fires. My grandparents in England **heated up** water over the fire every day because they didn't have electricity. My grandmother always cooked food for the family, washed everyone's clothes and **cleaned up** the house. After school, the children **hung up** the washing in the garden. My grandfather worked with horses all day and **came** home at night. The family **ate** dinner every night and the children **washed up** the dishes. They were a happy family but life in the past wasn't easy.

1- Complete the tables with the past forms of the verbs.

	Present	Past
1.	be	
2.	get up	
3.	have	
4.	pick up	
5.	heat up	

	Present	Past
6.	clean up	
7.	hang up	
8.	come	
9.	eat	
10.	wash up	washed up

2. Complete the sentences with the past verbs in the tables.

- One hundred years ago, life _____ very hard.
- Every day, people _____ early to do their chores.
- In the past, families _____ no hot water.
- So, people _____ wood to make a fire every morning.
- My grandparents usually _____ water over the burning wood.
- My grandmother often _____ the washing outdoors.
- After doing the chores, my grandmother always _____ the house.
- A long time ago, most men _____ back from work at night.
- Dinner was the only meal that families _____ together every day.
- After dinner, children **washed up** the dishes before they went to bed.

