

Childhood

Childhood used to be quite different from what it is today. Young people didn't use (1) so much free time. Children today may complain about schoolwork, but in the past people would (2) out to work at a very young age. They (3) school by the time they (4) fourteen and found a job. This meant that they had little free time for hobbies or leisure activities, especially when they (5) hard all day. Of course, they got used to (6) long hours eventually, but it meant that they had to grow up very quickly. Today, we all expect to have some free time to do things we enjoy, a luxury people in the past rarely (7)

ENJOY
GO
OFTEN / LEAVE
BE
WORK
WORK
HAVE

J Write one word in each gap.

The night before

Jane lay awake. She had (1) preparing for the next day (2) a long time and now she couldn't sleep. Her team (3) playing the local champions at water polo in the final and Jane was the captain. She (4) feeling the pressure. She turned over and remembered how she (5) learned to swim. Her father had taught her. They (6) go to the local pool every day after school and her father (7) to show her what to do. She hadn't liked the water at first, but she soon (8) used to it. She learned quickly and joined the water polo team. She had (9) their youngest member!

She quickly got used to scoring goals and (10) under pressure, but tomorrow was different. It was the biggest match of her life. She closed her eyes again and tried to get to sleep. 'I (11) used to have problems sleeping,' she thought to herself. 'But then again, I didn't (12) to be the captain of the team.' She watched the clock change slowly and knew that it was going to be a long night.