

Life in the Past



Does the statement refer to the Past or the Present?

People communicated via Snail mail. _____

We can easily communicate with each other. _____

It took a lot of time to get somewhere. _____

Means of transportation are all about speed and comfort. _____

People had only a few forms of entertainment. _____

Netflix, video games, phone apps – keep us entertained. _____

Some people are addicted to smart phones. _____

We can rewatch the film or a Tv show. _____

The integrity of a child is protected. _____

The GPS gives us accurate location and time information. _____

There was no AC, so they hung wet cloths in windows, so when the wind blew through a cooling effect was created. _____

True or false?

In the past ...

people were addicted to social media. _____

people used to send letters and postcards. _____

people used to have more virtual friends. _____

more children used to play outside. _____

people could do some online shopping. _____

there was no text messaging. _____

photos were posted on FB and Instagram. _____

people used maps and asked for direction when they got lost. _____

You were invited to a party or an event by Facebook invitation. _____



Complete with the missing words.

downloading – advanced – Everything – photos – foods – skyscrapers – farmers
– trends – shopping centres – floors – satellites – computers – dating – powerful
– information

1. Nowadays, people enjoy shopping in the huge _____ whereas in the past they used to shop in small specialised shops.
2. There were not many high _____; the buildings had only a few _____.
3. There was no _____ of films or music.
4. Each historic period brought unique fashion _____.
5. With the help of technology _____ travels faster.
6. Modern cars are more _____ and well-equipped.
7. Medicine has _____ since the World War II.
8. There were no genetically modified _____ until the early 1990ies.
9. These days _____ use sophisticated farm machinery and equipment that make the work easier, faster and more efficient.
10. In factories, many human jobs are taken over by robots and _____.
11. The Earth is now encircled by communications and weather _____.
12. In the past people kept their _____ in albums, whereas now we store them in harddrives.
13. _____ used to be completely different; if a boy was interested in girl, he called her on a landline to ask her out on a date or he asked her parents for permission. Now, if a boy is interested, he texts or contacts her online.
14. _____ is so instantaneous in the digital age.



Match the two halves.

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| 1. Reading books | A) certain addictions. |
| 2. We have uncovered some secrets of the seas | B) our FB friends. |
| 3. Digital technologies and Internet have also a dark side - | C) at a young age. |
| 4. More cars and more industry means | D) has increased. |
| 5. Computers, smart phones and Internet brought along | E) opinions freely. |
| 6. The cost of living | F) has become less popular. |
| 7. Couples used to get married | G) in books when doing the school projects |
| 8. In good old days parents could not be | H) by using underwater vehicles & sonar technologies. |
| 9. In the modern age, people can express their | I) more pollution. |
| 10. Over the course of history, life expectancy | J) called cybercrimes. |
| 11. Children had to look things up | K) has increased. |

