LANGUAGE IN ACTION

used to, would and past simple

1 ★★ **Complete the sentences with the correct form of *used to* and the verbs in brackets.**

1 I *used to hate* (hate) going to the dentist.
2 My dad _____ (have) more hair.
3 I _____ (not like) carrots.
4 My mum _____ (not go) to the gym.
5 _____ (you / play) the violin?
6 _____ (Matt / be) your best friend?

2 ★★ **Rewrite the sentences with *used to* when it is possible.**

1 I went to bed at ten o'clock last night.
not possible
2 In the past, did your granddad ride a bike to work?
3 People went to the cinema more often before the Internet.
4 Clothes didn't wear out so quickly before.
5 Oh, no! Did you leave the keys at home?
6 Was there a castle in this town before?

3 ★★★ **Write four sentences about what people *used to* / *didn't use to* do. Use the photos for ideas.**



4 ★ **Circle the correct options.**



Things were different when I was young!

Children [1]*would* / *wouldn't* listen to their parents and teachers. Now they don't listen!

People [2]*would* / *wouldn't* run everywhere. They had more time.

We [3]*would* / *wouldn't* play on the street. It wasn't dangerous then.

People [4]*would* / *wouldn't* think about money all the time. They had better values.

Families [5]*would* / *wouldn't* go abroad on holiday. And some families didn't go anywhere!

We [6]*would* / *wouldn't* listen to the radio more because not everyone had a TV.

5 ★★ **Rewrite the underlined part of the sentences with *would*. If it isn't possible, rewrite the sentences with *used to*.**

1 We lived in the country before.
We used to live in the country before.
2 I often arrived late for school when I was younger.
3 Did you wear glasses before?
4 My grandma always went for a walk after breakfast.
5 My dad often swam in the sea when he lived in Cádiz.
6 My mum was a nurse before.

6 ★★ **Circle the correct option OR options.**

A [1]*Did you have* / *Did you use to have* tennis lessons?
B Yes, I did.
A So, why [2]*did* / *would* you stop?
B My teacher [3]*would* / *used to* criticise me all the time. So, one day I [4]*decided* / *used to decide*, 'No more tennis lessons!'
A Really? I [5]*didn't* / *didn't use to* know anything about that! Who [6]*did you* / *did you use to* have lessons with?
B My dad!

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