Instructions: *Complete the sentences by choosing the correct option to fill in the gaps. Use* ***used to***, ***past continuous*** *or* ***past simple*** *tense, depending on what fits best in the context of each speaker's story.*

What kind of child were you…and have you changed?



David, 47 I loved being an only child. I was never lonely; I enjoyed spending time on my own, doing what I wanted, when I wanted. I [1] *was liking / used to like* reading, going for walks and bike rides in the countryside, and birdwatching. I also collected insects and I [2] *used to keep / kept* them in the garden to learn how they grew and behaved. Now I am a professional biologist, so I still enjoy those things! I'm still very happy spending time on my own, but I enjoy the company of others much more now.



Magda, 22 I was quite sociable as a child and I really enjoyed playing with my friends. But I used to be a bit shy about meeting new people and also quite afraid of some things. Once when I was little, I remember we went for a walk, and I [3] *was holding / held* an ice cream and a big black dog ran over and bit the whole top off. As a result, I didn't like dogs or going for walks for many years. 'Dog ate my ice cream' has become a bit of a family joke. After I [4] *started / was starting* university, I became much more confident. Now I still enjoy spending time with friends, but I like spending time on my own, too. I also love dogs. So maybe I've changed a lot!



Alex, 59 I am one of five brothers and sisters – I'm the second youngest. I [5] *was having / used to have* tantrums as a two-year-old, but I was very independent. When I was three, my mum [6] *went / used to go* into hospital to have my younger brother, and I was the only one in the house who knew how to turn the washing machine on. Actually, I haven't changed much. I'm almost 60 now – I've been strongly independent all my life and I even have the occasional tantrum.



Stephen, 23 I [7] *used to be / was always* very messy when I was younger. I used to throw my clothes around everywhere, and Mum never knew which was clean and which was dirty washing. However, now that I'm older, I'm very tidy – mess really stresses me out! Also, I [8] *always hated / was always hating* going to school, but now I'm doing a postgraduate course at university. But in some ways, I haven't changed at all. I was quite a thoughtful, sensitive person when I was young, and I'm the same now.

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