

Grammar

used to, would and past simple



1 Choose the correct option a, b or c.

When I was a young boy, life ¹ _____ less complicated than it is now. My brother and I ² _____ with our toys outside in the street and my parents ³ _____ worry about us. During the summer holidays, my mother ⁴ _____ us a picnic and we ⁵ _____ our bikes into the forest for the whole day. Once, I ⁶ _____ off my bike and my brother ⁷ _____ all the way home to tell my parents. Those experiences ⁸ _____ us to become independent.

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| 1 a is | b has been | c used to be |
| 2 a use to play | b used to play | c used play |
| 3 a don't | b didn't use to | c didn't used to |
| 4 a make | b would make | c made |
| 5 a have ridden | b ride | c would ride |
| 6 a fell | b used to fall | c would fall |
| 7 a rode | b used to ride | c would ride |
| 8 a taught | b was teaching | c used to teach |

2 Find and correct five mistakes in sentences 1–8.

- 1 I ~~used to break~~ ^{broke} my arm when we were on holiday in Greece in 2014.
- 2 When I was young, I used to deliver newspapers in my neighbourhood.
- 3 I would live in Spain when I was a child.
- 4 Julia didn't never use to play the piano.
- 5 My friends and I would play on the beach all day when we were young.
- 6 One time, I would see a jellyfish in the sea.
- 7 Toby didn't use to play tennis when he was young.
- 8 Did you used to walk to school when you were a child?

Vocabulary

Parents and children

3 Complete in the sentences with the missing words.

- 1 We should c ontrol how much children use technology. They're too young to know when to switch it off.
- 2 My mum used to f _____ me to eat everything on my plate. Now I'm grown up, I eat anything!
- 3 I don't think we should w _____ over children all the time. They need to learn how to look after themselves.
- 4 Some parents make too many a _____ for their children. They don't have any free time.
- 5 I always l _____ my children play outside because we live in a very safe neighbourhood.
- 6 We must respect people in a _____ because otherwise there would be no law and order.
- 7 I teach my children the importance of good m _____. They always say 'please' and 'thank you'.
- 8 When he was a child, my brother always used to get into t _____, but now he's older, he behaves really well!

4 Match the sentence halves.

- 1 I always used to get h
 - 2 It's important for children to learn good _____
 - 3 Can you entertain _____
 - 4 We mustn't watch _____
 - 5 We all experience _____
 - 6 Life is more _____
 - 7 She doesn't let _____
 - 8 Children should feel _____
- a her son ride a motorbike.
b over kids all the time or they'll never become independent.
c complicated now than it used to be for our grandparents.
d free to say what they are thinking.
e difficulty in life and we should try to learn from it.
f manners, for example always saying 'thank you'.
g yourselves for half an hour?
h into trouble when I was young.

5 Match words 1–8 with definitions a–h.

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| 1 arrangement | 2 authority | 3 complicated |
| 4 difficulty | 5 entertain | 6 force |
| 7 independent | 8 manners | |
- a the way you behave 8
b a plan to make something happen _____
c when you have control over others _____
d when you don't need help from other people _____
e to make someone do something they don't want to do _____
f difficult to understand _____
g a problem _____
h to do something funny or that interests people _____