

## LANGUAGE IN ACTION

*used to, would and past simple*



4 ★ **Circle** the correct options.



### Things were different when I was young!

Children <sup>1</sup>would / *wouldn't* listen to their parents and teachers. Now they don't listen!

People <sup>2</sup>*would* / *wouldn't* run everywhere. They had more time.

We <sup>3</sup>*would* / *wouldn't* play on the street. It wasn't dangerous then.

People <sup>4</sup>*would* / *wouldn't* think about money all the time. They had better values.

Families <sup>5</sup>*would* / *wouldn't* go abroad on holiday. And some families didn't go anywhere!

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



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.

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



A <sup>1</sup>*Did you have* / *Did you use to have* tennis lessons?

B Yes, I did.

A So, why <sup>2</sup>*did* / *would* you stop?

B My teacher <sup>3</sup>*would* / *used to* criticise me all the time. So, one day I <sup>4</sup>*decided* / *used to decide*, 'No more tennis lessons!'

A Really? I <sup>5</sup>*didn't* / *didn't use to* know anything about that! Who <sup>6</sup>*did you* / *did you use to* have lessons with?

B My dad!