

Past simple

- 1 Read the examples. Find two regular and two irregular verbs in the affirmative sentences. How do we form the negative?

Fifty people lived in one big longhouse.
Europeans brought new illnesses to the islands.
People didn't speak Haida.
In 2017 they made the first Haida film.
People married someone from the other group.

- 2 Write the past simple of the verbs in the box. Look at the Irregular verbs list on pp126–127.

come do get go have like play read
see start study talk think work write

- 3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- The Maori (...) (**arrive +**) in New Zealand about 700 years ago.
- They (...) (**go +**) 1,000 miles to New Zealand from Polynesia by boat.
- They (...) (**have -**) maps: they (...) (**use +**) the sun and stars to navigate.
- The Maori (...) (**call +**) the country Aotearoa, which means 'The Land of the Long White Cloud.'
- Europeans (...) (**arrive -**) there until the 1600s.

- 4 Read the example and write *Wh-* questions about the underlined information in exercise 3.

How did the Haida live? Did the Haida live alone?

- 1 *When did the Maori arrive in New Zealand?*

used to

- 5 Read the examples and choose the correct option to complete the rules.

There used to be about 30,000 Haida.
People didn't use to live in individual houses.
Did people use to watch films in Haida?

- We use *used to* to talk about the **past/present/future**.
- We use *used to* to talk about **states and repeated actions/things we did once** in the past.
- We only use *used to* in the **present simple/past simple**.
- After *used to*, we write the verb in the **infinitive/-ing form**.

- 6 Complete the text about TV in the 1970s with the correct form of *used to*.

Most families in the 1970s only had one TV, so they all 1 (...) (**watch +**) in the same room. Remote controls 2 (...) (**exist -**), so they couldn't change channels from their chair. It seems strange, but then it was quite normal! People 3 (...) (**have -**) computers, so you could only watch series on TV and you 4 (...) (**wait +**) a week to see the next episode. Because there 5 (...) (**be -**) many TV channels, everyone at school talked about the same TV programmes.

- 7 Write questions about TV when you were six years old using *used to*.

- how many hours / watch per day
- where / watch TV
- have / a favourite programme
- what channel / watch
- watch TV / alone or with other people

- 8  Work in pairs. Ask your partner the questions in exercise 7. Is his/her life very different now?

- 9 Choose the correct option.

GRAMMAR ROUND-UP

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Spencer O'Brien is a world champion snowboarder from Canada. Spencer is from the Haida Nation. First Nations people 1 **didn't use to become/didn't used to become** top sports stars, but now they 2 **has/have** more opportunities to train and compete.

Spencer 3 **could to/could** ski when she was only two years old, but she first tried snowboarding when she 4 **were/was** 11. She 5 **used to go/use to go** snowboarding for fun, but then she started to train more seriously. Later, Spencer represented Canada in the 2014 and 2018 Olympics and she 6 **wins/won** a gold medal at the 2016 X-Games.

When she 7 **isn't competing/doesn't compete**, Spencer loves cooking. She 8 **often works/works often to** help young First Nations people in sport too.

