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Reading Activity: Growing Up — Then and Now

Reading Text

Growing Up — Then and Now

Hello everyone! My name is Mateo, and I'm 24 years old. When I look back, my life is so different now compared to when I was a child. Let me tell you all about it.

When I was ten years old, I lived in a quiet village with my parents and my grandmother. We **used to have** a big garden behind our house, and my grandmother **used to grow** beautiful flowers and delicious vegetables there. I **used to spend** almost every afternoon helping her or playing with my best friend, Lucas. We **used to run** through the fields and **chase** butterflies until the sun went down. We **didn't use to have** mobile phones or tablets back then, but we never felt bored — there was always something fun to do outside.



I **used to be** a very shy and quiet boy. I **didn't use to speak** much, especially in front of strangers. I **used to hate** public speaking and I **would get** very nervous when the teacher asked me questions in class. I **used to be** quite short for my age, and I **didn't use to play** sports very often. In fact, I **used to avoid** P.E. lessons whenever I could! My hair **used to be** long and curly — my mother loved it, but I always wanted it short.

At home, things were different too. My parents **used to work** very hard, but they always had more free time than they do now. We **used to eat** dinner together every single night, and we **would talk** about our day. We **didn't use to watch** much television; instead, my father **used to read** us stories before bedtime. I **used to dream** of becoming an astronaut — I was absolutely fascinated by space and the stars. I **used to collect** space posters and books, and my bedroom walls **used to be** completely covered in them.

Now, everything has changed. I live in a busy city and I study engineering at university. I'm much taller than before, and my hair is short and neat. I'm confident now, and I even give presentations to my classmates! I still love space, but my dream job has changed — I **want to work** in renewable energy to help protect our planet. I have a smartphone and a laptop, and I use them every day for my studies and to stay in touch with family and friends. Lucas and I still talk, but we don't see each other very often because he lives in another country.



I miss some things from the past — the quiet village, my grandmother's garden, and those long afternoons playing outside. But I also enjoy my life now. Change can be difficult sometimes, but it also brings new adventures!

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Exercises

Part 1: Multiple Choice — Choose the correct answer (4 points)

1. Where did Mateo use to live when he was ten?

A) In a big city
B) In a quiet village
C) In another country
D) Near the sea

2. What did Mateo use to do every afternoon?

A) He used to watch television
B) He used to play video games
C) He used to help his grandmother and play outside
D) He used to study for school

3. What kind of boy did Mateo use to be?

A) Outgoing and talkative
B) Shy and quiet
C) Very tall and athletic
D) Confident and brave

4. What did Mateo use to dream of becoming?

A) A teacher
B) An engineer
C) An astronaut
D) A writer

Part 2: True or False — Write T for True or F for False

1. ____ Mateo used to have a mobile phone when he was a child.
2. ____ Mateo's family used to eat dinner together every night.
3. ____ Mateo still wants to be an astronaut now.

Part 3: Matching — Match the beginning of each sentence with its correct ending (3 points)

Column A	**Column B**
1. Mateo didn't use to _____	a. eat dinner together every night.
2. His family used to_____	b. be afraid of speaking in public.
3. Mateo's bedroom walls used to _____	c. be covered in space posters.

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