

Read the story and choose the correct answer

Grandma, can you pass me the remote control?

Come on, Sam! You can get it yourself.

1 Sam is watching TV and doesn't want to get off the sofa.

But Grandma...

Listen, Sam. When I was a child, we didn't have remote controls.

2 Grandma doesn't want Sam to be lazy.

What did you use to do?

We used to get up, walk to the TV, and change the channel.

3 Most TVs didn't have remote controls when Sam's grandma was a child.

Did you have a lot of channels?

No, we didn't. We had only three channels. Oh, life was so simple, so quiet back then...

4 Sam's grandma thinks life was a lot nicer when she was young.

Oh, dinner's ready!

BEEP! BEEP! BEEP!

5 But now Sam's grandma sometimes uses a microwave to make dinner.

Did you use to cook everything in the microwave when you were a child?

Well, no, we didn't have...

6 Maybe some things about modern life are nicer!

**6** Read and choose.

When Sam's grandma was a child...

- 1 people **watched** / **didn't watch** TV.
- 2 people **had** / **didn't have** remote controls to change channels.
- 3 people **used** / **didn't use** to get up to change the channels.
- 4 life **was** / **wasn't** simpler and quieter.
- 5 people **used** / **didn't use** to cook in a microwave.

**10** Read the questions. Complete the answers.

- 1 Did your father have a car in high school?  
\_\_\_\_\_ *No, he didn't.* He used to ride a bicycle.
- 2 Did people play video games twenty years ago?  
\_\_\_\_\_ There were some very popular video games back then.
- 3 Did your grandmother have a computer?  
\_\_\_\_\_ She never used a computer.
- 4 Did people have running water in their homes 200 years ago?  
\_\_\_\_\_ They used to get water from a pump outside.
- 5 Did people write letters in the past?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Now we write letters and send emails.

**11** Read the questions and answer them with your own ideas. Use *used to* in your answers.

- 1 Before computers, what did people use to do to keep in touch?  
Before computers, people \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 Before cell phones, what did people use to do to call each other?  
Before cell phones, people \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 Before microwaves, what did people use to do to cook their food?  
Before microwaves, people \_\_\_\_\_.