

Life in the Past



Does the statement refer to the Past or the Present?

People communicated via Snail mail. _____

We can easily communicate with each other. _____

It took a lot of time to get somewhere. _____

Means of transportation are all about speed and comfort. _____

People had only a few forms of entertainment. _____

Netflix, video games, phone apps – keep us entertained. _____

Some people are addicted to smart phones. _____

We can rewatch the film or a Tv show. _____

The integrity of a child is protected. _____

The GPS gives us accurate location and time information. _____

There was no AC, so they hung wet cloths in windows, so when the wind blew through a cooling effect was created. _____

True or false?

In the past ...

people were addicted to social media. _____

people used to send letters and postcards. _____

people used to have more virtual friends. _____

more children used to play outside. _____

people could do some online shopping. _____

there was no text messaging. _____

photos were posted on FB and Instagram. _____

people used maps and asked for direction when they got lost. _____

You were invited to a party or ran event by Facebook invitation. _____



Complete with the missing words.

downloading – advanced – Everything - photos - foods – skyscrapers - farmers – trends – shopping centres – floors – satellites - computers – dating - powerful – information

1. Nowadays, people enjoy shopping in the huge _____ whereas in the past they used to shop in small specialised shops.
2. There were not many high _____; the buildings had only a few _____.
3. There was no _____ of films or music.
4. Each historic period brought unique fashion _____.
5. With the help of technology _____ travels faster.
6. Modern cars are more _____ and well-equipped.
7. Medicine has _____ since the World War II.
8. There were no genetically modified _____ until the early 1990ies.
9. These days _____ use sophisticated farm machinery and equipment that make the work easier, faster and more efficient.
10. In factories, many human jobs are taken over by robots and _____.
11. The Earth is now encircled by communications and weather _____.
12. In the past people kept their _____ in albums, whereas now we store them in harddrives.
13. _____ used to be completely different; if a boy was interested in girl, he called her on a landline to ask her out on a date or he asked her parents for permission. Now, if a boy is interested, he texts or contacts her online.
14. _____ is so instantaneous in the digital age.



Match the two halves.

1. Reading books	A) certain addictions.
2. We have uncovered some secrets of the seas	B) our FB friends.
3. Digital technologies and Internet have also a dark side -	C) at a young age.
4. More cars and more industry means	D) has increased.
5. Computers, smart phones and Internet brought along	E) opinions freely.
6. The cost of living	F) has become less popular.
7. Couples used to get married	G) in books when doing the school projects
8. In good old days parents could not be	H) by using underwater vehicles & sonar technologies.
9. In the modern age, people can express their	I) more pollution.
10. Over the course of history, life expectancy	J) called cybercrimes.
11. Children had to look things up	K) has increased.

