

# 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 an 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.**

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

