

## Life in the Past

### Past or 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   | 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                           | L) has increased.                                     |