

READING: BACK TO THE 1980s

NAME: _____

SCHEDULE: _____

1. GIVE YOUR OPINION

Do you like the fashion and music from the 1980s? Why/Why not? _____

2 Read the text. What is it about? Choose the best summary.

- 1 It's about a family who lived in the 1980s without any technology.
- 2 It's about a family who stopped living with modern technology.
- 3 It's about a family who didn't like 1980s technology.

BACK TO THE 1980s

In 2013, Canadian couple Blair and Morgan McMillan started to worry about their two young sons, Trey and Denton. The boys used a smartphone and a tablet, and they were always inside – they didn't want to play outside. Blair and Morgan wanted to change the situation, so they decided to live like a family in the 1980s for a year. They stopped using cell phones, tablets, the Internet, and cable TV!

Life changed a lot. Blair and Morgan stopped banking online; instead, they went to the bank in person. They used an old-fashioned camera, not a digital camera. At home, the family listened to cassettes and watched videos. There was an old games console from the 1980s, and the children played Super Mario Bros. on that. And they loved it! For their vacation, the family traveled across Canada using a map, not a GPS.

Some things were hard. Blair lost a business partner because he didn't use a computer or cell phone for his job. It was difficult for the family to communicate with their friends and relatives. They had a phone, but all their friends and family used the Internet or social media.

But a lot of things were better. The family saved a lot of money. Also, they enjoyed spending more time together in the evenings and on the weekend. The boys didn't play with their phones and computers all the time – they played with their toys in the living room, and Blair and Morgan talked on the sofa or watched 1980s TV programs.



3 Read the text again. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 The boys liked playing outside before 2013. _____
- 2 Blair and Morgan stopped going to the bank in "the 1980s." _____
- 3 The family had a TV before 2013. _____
- 4 Blair didn't use modern technology in his work in "the 1980s." _____
- 5 The family didn't have much money in "the 1980s." _____
- 6 The family were together more often in "the 1980s." _____

JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

4 Find the affirmative form of the sentences in the text.

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| 1 Blair and Morgan didn't want to change the situation. | 4 The family didn't travel across Canada. |
| 2 They didn't stop using cell phones. | 5 The family didn't save a lot of money. |
| 3 They didn't use an old-fashioned camera. | 6 They didn't enjoy spending more time together. |

WRITE THE AFFIRMATIVE FORM OF THE SENTENCES IN THE TEXT.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

