2.3 Grammar

had to, could

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1 Complete the sentences with *had to* or *didn't have to* and the verbs in brackets.

Pops, Eva and Mac went to the Amazon ...

1 They *had to pack* (pack) the right clothes and equipment.
2 They took a train to the airport so they _____ (go) by taxi.
3 In the Amazon, they _____ (travel) by canoe because there weren't any roads.
4 They knew the area well, so they _____ (take) a guide with them.
5 They _____ (sleep) in tents. They slept in a cabin – a small, wooden house.
6 They _____ (lock) the door of the cabin at night because the jungle is a scary place!

2 Complete the questions with *have to* and then complete the short answers.

Reporter: Pops, tell me about life on your parents' farm. [1]*Did you have to get up* (get up) early in the morning?
Pops: Yes, [2]_____. School started at eight and it was five kilometres away.
Reporter: [3]_____ (your mum / drive) you there?
Pops: No, [4]_____. I went on foot.
Reporter: [5]_____ (you / work) on the farm?
Pops: Yes, [6]_____. We had a lot of animals.
Reporter: [7]_____ (you / feed) them before school?
Pops: No, [8]_____, but I had to feed them in the afternoon.
Reporter: Were you happy? Was your life hard?
Pops: Yes, it was, but it was a good life.

3 Look at the table. What could or couldn't Greg and Lou do when they were eight years old? Write questions and answers. Then write about you.

	Greg	Lou
speak French	✔	✘
draw well	✘	✘
ride a bike	✘	✔
make biscuits	✘	✔
climb trees	✔	✔

1 Greg / speak French?
A: *Could Greg speak French?*
B: *Yes, he could.*
2 Greg and Lou / draw well?
A: _____
B: _____
3 Lou / ride a bike?
A: _____
B: _____.
4 Greg / make biscuits?
A: _____
B: _____
5 Lou and Greg / climb trees?
A: _____
B: _____
6 When I was eight years old, I _____
_____
_____

✱4 Complete the dialogue. Use one word in each gap.

A: How did you get lost?
B: We went for a walk in the mountains, but it got dark and we [1]*couldn't* see. We didn't have any food with us, so we [2]_____ to eat berries.
A: What about mushrooms?
B: We [3]_____ eat mushrooms! Some mushrooms are dangerous!
A: What did you drink?
B: There was a river. The water was clean, so we [4]_____ drink it.
A: Did you [5]_____ to sleep under the stars?
B: Yes, we [6]_____, and it was very cold at night. Then the next day, a man found us and took us to his village. Luckily, we [7]_____ have to walk far. The village was only a kilometre away!

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