

GRAMMAR

Past habits and states

A Complete the article with *used to* or *would* and the correct form of the verbs in brackets. In some sentences, more than one answer is possible.

It ¹ _____ (**be**) very difficult for women in Britain to get good jobs and be financially independent. Very few women ² _____ (**work**) in professions such as medicine or law. For one thing, they ³ _____ (**not have**) access to a university education in order to be able to train for a profession.

It was even harder for working-class women. My grandmother ⁴ _____ (**work**) in a Lancashire factory until she got married. She ⁵ _____ (**leave**) the house at dawn and return late in the evening. The workers ⁶ _____ (**rarely/get**) holidays, except for once a year, when the factories all closed down for a week. Then, everyone ⁷ _____ (**board**) the train to Blackpool to spend a few days by the sea.

