

Grammar

used to, would and past simple



1 Choose the correct option a, b or c.

When I was a young boy, life ¹ ___ less complicated than it is now. My brother and I ² ___ with our toys outside in the street and my parents ³ ___ worry about us. During the summer holidays, my mother ⁴ ___ us a picnic and we ⁵ ___ our bikes into the forest for the whole day. Once, I ⁶ ___ off my bike and my brother ⁷ ___ all the way home to tell my parents. Those experiences ⁸ ___ us to become independent.

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| 1 a is | b has been | c used to be |
| 2 a use to play | b used to play | c used play |
| 3 a don't | b didn't use to | c didn't used to |
| 4 a make | b would make | c made |
| 5 a have ridden | b ride | c would ride |
| 6 a fell | b used to fall | c would fall |
| 7 a rode | b used to ride | c would ride |
| 8 a taught | b was teaching | c used to teach |

2 Find and correct five mistakes in sentences 1–8.

- broke*
- I ~~used to break~~ my arm when we were on holiday in Greece in 2014.
 - When I was young, I used to deliver newspapers in my neighbourhood.
 - I would live in Spain when I was a child.
 - Julia didn't never use to play the piano.
 - My friends and I would play on the beach all day when we were young.
 - One time, I would see a jellyfish in the sea.
 - Toby didn't use to play tennis when he was young.
 - Did you used to walk to school when you were a child?

Vocabulary

Parents and children

3 Complete in the sentences with the missing words.

- We should *control* ___ how much children use technology. They're too young to know when to switch it off.
- My mum used to f ___ me to eat everything on my plate. Now I'm grown up, I eat anything!
- I don't think we should w ___ over children all the time. They need to learn how to look after themselves.
- Some parents make too many a ___ for their children. They don't have any free time.
- I always l ___ my children play outside because we live in a very safe neighbourhood.
- We must respect people in a ___ because otherwise there would be no law and order.
- I teach my children the importance of good m ___. They always say 'please' and 'thank you'.
- When he was a child, my brother always used to get into t ___, but now he's older, he behaves really well!

4 Match the sentence halves.

- I always used to get ___ h ___
 - It's important for children to learn good ___
 - Can you entertain ___
 - We mustn't watch ___
 - We all experience ___
 - Life is more ___
 - She doesn't let ___
- B** Children should feel ___
- her son ride a motorbike.
 - over kids all the time or they'll never become independent.
 - complicated now than it used to be for our grandparents.
 - free to say what they are thinking.
 - difficulty in life and we should try to learn from it.
 - manners, for example always saying 'thank you'.
 - yourselves for half an hour?
 - into trouble when I was young.

5 Match words 1–8 with definitions a–h.

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| 1 arrangement | 2 authority | 3 complicated |
| 4 difficulty | 5 entertain | 6 force |
| 7 independent | 8 manners | |

- the way you behave B
- a plan to make something happen ___
- when you have control over others ___
- when you don't need help from other people ___
- to make someone do something they don't want to do ___
- difficult to understand ___
- a problem ___
- to do something funny or that interests people ___