

Reading exercise about the past

Read the text about "Life memories." Answer the questions that follow.

Life Memories

My grandparents are always talking about what life was like in the past. I decided to talk to them one day to understand their ideas better. They said their lives were a bit slower. People were more relaxed about time and their responsibilities. My grandparents think people are running all the time. On a regular weekday, grandma was at home most of the time and grandpa was at work. Their children were at school most of the day, so they got together at night. They told stories and played games until it was time for them to go to bed. My grandparents always talk about their moments of conversation with their relatives and children. "We were always

around, so we could talk to everybody," they said. These days they feel families do not have time to get together and talk. Everyone seems to have their own schedule and agenda. One last thing my grandparents told me was about the special celebrations they had. People were always ready for those moments. They did not see that Christmas started in November as happens these days. They feel there was a moment for everything. They did not do anything in a hurry as happens with most festivities now. My grandparents concluded that they were happier when they were younger. They added that life does not have the same quality today.

1. What was life like in the past according to the text?
 - a. Life was faster.
 - b. Life was slower.
 - c. Life was easier.
2. Where were the different members of the family on a regular weekday?
 - a. Grandma was at home, grandpa was at work and the children were at school.
 - b. Grandma was at work, grandpa was at home and the children were at school.
 - c. Grandma was at school, grandpa was at work and the children were at home.
3. What did they say about people's attitudes towards special celebrations?
 - a. People were not always ready for those moments.
 - b. People were usually ready for those moments.
 - c. People were always ready for those moments.
4. What are families like today?
 - a. Their lives are a bit slower.
 - b. They have moments of conversation with their relatives and children.
 - c. Everyone seems to have their own schedule and agenda.
5. What did the grandparents conclude about their lives in the past?
 - a. They were happier when they were older.
 - b. They were happier when they were younger.
 - c. They were better when they were younger.

