

Scotland was the perfect place 1) _____ (grow up). My parents had spent years 2) _____ (save up) because they wanted 3) _____ (buy) a small farmhouse in the Scottish Highlands. Shortly after I was born, their dream came true and our new life in the country began. To begin with, I was probably too young 4) _____ (appreciate) the fresh air and breathtaking views, but as I grew up, I began 5) _____ (enjoy) exploring the unspoilt countryside. I soon got used to 6) _____ (have) to walk miles to the shops, and since it was too far 7) _____ (travel) to the nearest primary school, my parents did their best 8) _____ (educate) me at home. However, I never felt lonely and was usually too busy 9) _____ (help) my father on the land to worry about 10) _____ (not/have) any friends. My brothers and sisters were also starting 11) _____ (grow up) fast and we had no difficulty 12) _____ (amuse) ourselves for hours on end. When I reached the age of eleven, my parents decided it was time 13) _____ (send) me to secondary school as they didn't feel they were capable of 14) _____ (provide) me with the range of skills I would need for my future life. This would involve 15) _____ (travel) twenty miles to the nearest town and twenty miles back. I was sorry 16) _____ (say) goodbye to my old way of life, but at the same time I looked forward to 17) _____ (mix) with new people. After 18) _____ (finish) school, I was forced 19) _____ (move) to Edinburgh to look for work and I have now made the city my home. Although I love the cosmopolitan lifestyle, I sometimes can't help 20) _____ (wish) I was back in the Highlands.