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MEMORY LANE

1 VOCABULARY: Describing annoying things

A Choose the correct words or phrases to complete each sentence.

- 1 I always feel _____ when I give a presentation. I don't like to speak in public.
a) awkward b) frustrating
- 2 I study Arabic and I think the grammar is _____. I don't fully understand it yet.
a) a waste of time b) complex
- 3 It takes time to find a new job, so don't _____. Just take a break, and then try again.
a) lose patience b) get on your nerves
- 4 Can you please stop whistling? It's starting to _____.
a) drive you crazy b) get on my nerves
- 5 To me, nothing is more _____ than when coworkers are late for a meeting.
a) time-consuming b) infuriating
- 6 I used to think school was _____. When I got older, I realized how valuable it had been.
a) a waste of time b) clumsy
- 7 The early days of the internet were _____ because it took a long time to connect to websites, and then the connection was frequently lost.
a) frustrating b) hard to operate
- 8 Writing a research paper is so _____. I wish I could write more quickly.
a) tricky b) time-consuming
- 9 I remember my first cell phone. It was _____ until I learned how it worked. Then, it was very easy.
a) time-consuming b) hard to operate
- 10 Understanding modern technology can be _____, especially for people from older generations who didn't grow up with it.
a) tricky b) hard to operate



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B. Choose all the correct answers. **Sometimes more than one is possible.**

11. When they were younger, my father *used to buy / would buy / bought* my mother some flowers every week. It was so sweet.
12. Last month, I *used to pay / would pay / paid* a lot for my phone bill, so this month I'm trying not to use my phone much.
13. When we lived in Canada, we went skiing every winter. I *used to love / would love / loved* it.
14. This afternoon at the park, I *used to eat / would eat / ate* two ice creams! What was I thinking?
15. My grandfather *used to have / would have / had* a turtle, but it died last year. He was so sad.

16. I *didn't use to like / wouldn't like / didn't like* jazz at all a few years ago, but it's my favorite kind of music now.
17. Paulo was born in Rio, but he *didn't use to grow up / wouldn't grow up / didn't grow up* there.
18. Last weekend, we were so tired that we *used to decide / would decide / decided* to stay home.
19. We *used to be / would be / were* very good friends, but nowadays we hardly ever see each other.
20. My cousin Liz *used to hate / would hate / hated* vegetables when she was young. Now she's a vegetarian!