

F Circle the incorrect words or phrases and rewrite them correctly.

- I had paint on my shoes because I'd painted my bedroom all morning.
.....
- I missed the start of the film because I buy popcorn.
.....
- It was obvious that Bill has worked because he was very tired when I saw him.
.....
- We had been tidying the garden for hours and I was needing a rest.
.....
- When the bus was arriving, we missed it because we were talking.
.....
- During the Christmas holiday, I was eating too much and watching too much TV!
.....
- Julian was learning all about computer games by the time he was six.
.....
- My grandfather was owning a hotel by the beach until he sold it last year.
.....

G Circle the correct word or phrase.

- When she was a girl, my mum **would** / **used to** live in a village.
- I really can't **be** / **get** used to having a new baby brother.
- People **would** / **are used to** die of diseases in the past that we can cure today.
- There **would** / **used to** be a cinema on this corner, but they knocked it down.
- It was strange at first, but I'm used to **play** / **playing** the bagpipes now.
- Didn't you **use to** / **be used to** have blonde hair?
- Christopher was **being** / **getting** used to the idea of joining the army.
- People never **would** / **used to** be so worried about crime in this area.

H Complete each second sentence using the word given, so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Write between two and five words in each gap.

- People walked more fifty years ago than they do now. **would**
Fifty years ago, than they do now.
- My parents wouldn't let me stay out late when I was young. **used**
My parents let me stay out late when I was young.
- Did you know that Carol played basketball for her country? **to**
Did you know that Carol basketball for her country?
- Sending messages around the world instantly is no longer unusual. **got**
We messages around the world instantly.
- When he was a teacher, my dad often used to get home quite late. **would**
When he was a teacher, my dad quite late.
- Do you think you could learn to live without your mobile phone? **used**
Do you think you could without your mobile phone?

7 In the past, people wouldn't go as far away on holiday as they do today. **use**
In the past, people as far away on holiday as they do today.

8 This town has a lot more cinemas than it had in the past. **used**
This town so many cinemas.

I Find the extra word in each line.

Childhood

1 Childhood would used to be quite different from what it is today. Young
2 people didn't use not to have so much leisure time. Today's children may
3 complain about their schoolwork, but our great-grandparents would to go
4 out to work at a very young age. They had often been left school by
5 the time they were fourteen and were found a job. This meant that they
6 have had little free time for hobbies or leisure activities, especially when
7 they had been working hard all day. Of course, they got themselves used
8 to working long hours eventually, but it would meant that they had to
9 grow up very quickly. Today, we are got used to having some free time to
10 do things we enjoy, a luxury people in the past rarely were had.

J Write one word in each gap.

The night before

Jane lay awake. She had (1) preparing for the next day (2) a long time and now she couldn't sleep. Her team (3) playing the local champions at water polo in the final and Jane was the captain. She (4) feeling the pressure. She turned over and remembered how she (5) learned to swim. Her father had taught her. They (6) go to the local pool every day after school and her father (7) to show her what to do. She hadn't liked the water at first, but she soon (8) used to it. She learned quickly and joined the water polo team. She had (9) their youngest member!

She quickly got used to scoring goals and (10) under pressure, but tomorrow was different. It was the biggest match of her life. She closed her eyes again and tried to get to sleep. 'I (11) used to have problems sleeping,' she thought to herself. 'But then again, I didn't (12) to be the captain of the team.' She watched the clock change slowly and knew that it was going to be a long night.