

LANGUAGE IN ACTION

used to, would and past simple



4 ★★ Circle the correct options.



Things were different when I was young!

Children ¹would / wouldn't listen to their parents and teachers. Now they don't listen!

People ²would / wouldn't run everywhere. They had more time.

We ³would / wouldn't play on the street. It wasn't dangerous then.

People ⁴would / wouldn't think about money all the time. They had better values.

Families ⁵would / wouldn't go abroad on holiday. And some families didn't go anywhere!

We ⁶would / wouldn't listen to the radio more because not everyone had a TV.



1 ★★ Complete the sentences with the correct form of *used to* and the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I used to hate (hate) going to the dentist.
- 2 My dad had (have) more hair.
- 3 I didn't like (not like) carrots.
- 4 My mum didn't go (not go) to the gym.
- 5 You played (you / play) the violin?
- 6 Was Matt (Matt / be) your best friend?



2 ★★ Rewrite the sentences with *used to* when it is possible.

- 1 I went to bed at ten o'clock last night.
not possible
- 2 In the past, did your granddad ride a bike to work?
Yes
- 3 People went to the cinema more often before the Internet.
Yes
- 4 Clothes didn't wear out so quickly before.
Yes
- 5 Oh, no! Did you leave the keys at home?
Yes
- 6 Was there a castle in this town before?
Yes



3 ★★★ Write four sentences about what people *used to / didn't use to do*. Use the photos for ideas.





6 ★★ Circle the correct option OR options.

- A ¹Did you have / Did you use to have tennis lessons?
- B Yes, I did.
- A So, why ²did / would you stop?
- B My teacher ³would / used to criticise me all the time. So, one day I ⁴decided / used to decide, 'No more tennis lessons!'
- A Really? I ⁵didn't / didn't use to know anything about that! Who ⁶did you / did you use to have lessons with?
- B My dad!