6 1.51 **Complete the text with the verbs in brackets.**

- Use *would* + verb (where possible)
- Use *used to* + verb (where *would* is not possible)
- Use the Past Simple (where *would* or *used to* are not possible)

Then listen and check. Is the UK the only country where people drive on the left?

Left or right?

Today, 75% of cars drive on the right, but it [1] *didn't always use to be* (not always be) like that. In fact, everybody used to travel on the left! In Roman times, roads [2]_____ (be) dangerous and travellers [3]_____ (carry) swords in their right hands. Travellers on horses [4]_____ (ride) on the left side of the road so that the right hand was free to use the sword. Then Napoleon [5]_____(change) the rule. Why? Because he was a revolutionary! Before the French Revolution, the aristocracy [6]_____(travel) on the left and poor people [7]_____ (stay) on the right. After the Revolution, the aristocracy joined the poor people on the right and driving on the right [8]_____ (become) the new law. What about the rest of the world? China, Portugal, Sweden and parts of Canada used to drive on the left and only changed the law during the mid-twentieth century. More than fifty countries including the UK, Australia, Japan and India still drive on the left today.



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