

Unit 4: In the past

I. Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

illiterate	igloo	Arctic	loudspeaker
worthwhile	strict	barefoot	dogsled

1. The voice over the \_\_\_\_\_ said the flight was delayed.
2. The Stuarts are very \_\_\_\_\_ with their children.
3. Programs like this one get kids involved in \_\_\_\_\_ activities.
4. The Eskimos cut the ice into squares, and they use these to build the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ teams have to travel about 1,600 kilometers, from Anchorage to Nome.
6. We took off our shoes and socks and walked \_\_\_\_\_ along the beach.
7. Being \_\_\_\_\_, my grandfather signed the document with an 'X'.
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ is a polar region located at the northernmost part of Earth.

II. Underline the correct word to complete the sentence.

1. He followed the family *habit/practice/ tradition* and became a doctor.
2. The boys were suspended from school for bad *practice/ behaviour/ habit*.
3. I've got into the *habit/practice/ tradition* of turning on the TV as soon as I get home.
4. There's a *practice/ tradition/ habit* in our family that we have a party on New Year's Eve.
5. The bank has continued its *habit/ practice/ behaviour* of charging late fees.
6. Parents can influence the *habit/ behaviour/ tradition* of their children.
7. It is good *tradition/ behavior/practice* to check your work before handing it in.
8. It's all right to borrow money occasionally, but don't let it become a *tradition/ habit/ practice*.

III. Use *used to* or *didn't use to* with the verbs from the box to complete the sentences.

get	wear	handwrite	be	came
like	cost	fly	go	play

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ homework when I was a student 5 years ago.
2. Oranges \_\_\_\_\_ very little in Florida, but now they are quite expensive.
3. They \_\_\_\_\_ to work on time, so they were fired.
4. People \_\_\_\_\_ married at much younger ages.
5. We lived on the coast for years but we \_\_\_\_\_ to the beach.
6. My sister \_\_\_\_\_ kites for pleasure as I did.
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ traditional games like hide and seek when I was young.
8. She \_\_\_\_\_ him, but now they're married.
9. Obesity \_\_\_\_\_ a strange concept to most of people 20 years ago.
10. My granny \_\_\_\_\_ glasses, but now she wears them all the time.

IV. Put the verb into the correct form.

1. Andy wished that he \_\_\_\_\_ (can) think of a way of helping.
2. The teacher wish that her students \_\_\_\_\_ (pay) more attention to the lessons.
3. I wish you \_\_\_\_\_ (not live) so far away.
4. I wish Dam Sen Water Park \_\_\_\_\_ (be) near my house.
5. He wishes he \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) a Lamborghini in Paris.

6. I just wish that everything \_\_\_\_\_ (can) be as it used to be.
7. Don't you ever wish you \_\_\_\_\_ (have) someone to share your troubles with?
8. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) Spanish food in Barcelona.
9. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ (know) how to use a computer.
10. These seats are very uncomfortable. I wish we \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) first class.

**V. Make up wishes from the prompts.**

1. I/ can afford/ new car.

I wish \_\_\_\_\_

2. I/ not have to/ go/ school.

I wish \_\_\_\_\_

3. I/ go camping/ friends.

I wish \_\_\_\_\_

4. there/ be/ no more/ bullying/ school.

I wish \_\_\_\_\_

5. I/ be dancing/ you/ the ballroom.

I wish \_\_\_\_\_

6. no one/ be suffering/ depression.

I wish \_\_\_\_\_

7. he/ can come/ party/ tonight.

I wish \_\_\_\_\_

8. there/ snow/ Christmas.

I wish \_\_\_\_\_

9. we/ be traveling/ first class.

I wish \_\_\_\_\_

10. they/ learn/ communicate/ their peers.

I wish \_\_\_\_\_

8. there/ snow/ Christmas.

I wish \_\_\_\_\_

9. we/ be traveling/ first class.

I wish \_\_\_\_\_

10. they/ learn/ communicate/ their peers.

I wish \_\_\_\_\_

**VI. Rewrite the following sentences using a *wish* construction.**

1. It's a pity my computer is out of order.

\_\_\_\_\_

2. I'd like my younger brother to concentrate more on his studies.

\_\_\_\_\_

3. I'm sorry I don't have time to go to the cinema with you.

\_\_\_\_\_

4. It's a pity John can't come to my birthday party this weekend.

\_\_\_\_\_

5. I d like you to take me to the zoo after school.
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6. It's a pity it is raining heavily outside.
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7. It's a pity my favorite book is out of stock.
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8. I'm sorry I'm not old enough to drive a car.
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9. It's a pity they are having a class at the moment.
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10. It's a pity my school doesn't organize outdoor activities.
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#### D. READING

I. Complete the passage with words from the box.

shift	than	mostly	indicate
held	declines	spans	obense

Today, childhood is spent (1)\_\_\_\_\_ indoors, watching television, playing video games and surfing the Internet. When children do go outside, it tends to be for scheduled events soccer camp or a fishing derby - (2)\_\_\_\_\_ under the watch of adults.

The (3)\_\_\_\_\_ to an indoor childhood has accelerated in the past decade, with huge (4)\_\_\_\_\_ in spontaneous outdoor activities such as bike riding, swimming and touch football, according to separate studies by the National Sporting Goods Association.

In addition, a child is six times more likely to play a video game on a typical day (5)\_\_\_\_\_ to ride a bike. The change can be seen in children's bodies. In the 1960s, 4% of kids were (6)\_\_\_\_\_. Today, 16% are overweight. It can also be seen in their brains. Studies (7)\_\_\_\_\_ that children who spend lots of time outdoors have longer attention (8)\_\_\_\_\_ than those who watch lots of television and play video games.