1 Complete the sentences about present and past habits with one word.



Graham always *used* to pay attention in Physics lessons. It was his favourite subject. ☐

1 Didn't you _____ to skip lessons occasionally when you were at school, Dad? ☐

2 The security guard does _____ unlock the school gates until exactly 7:30 a.m. ☐

3 Our French teacher from primary school _____ only speak Italian in class. No wonder we didn't learn much! ☐

4 Lucy didn't _____ to get on with her brother, but things are better now that they are older. ☐

2 Which sentence in Exercise 1 describes a present habit? Tick the appropriate box.

3 ★ Complete the dialogues with *always* and the correct form of the verbs in the box.

hang play put talk **tease**

Dad: Why can't you two just get on with each other?
Melanie: Because he *'s always teasing* me. Why can't he just leave me alone?

1 **Alice:** Well, it's good to be studious, but Luke _____ about schoolwork. I don't think he has a social life at all.
Max: Yes, I can see how annoying he is.

2 **Amber:** Why did you split up with Richard then, Erin?
Erin: Oh, he and his friends _____ computer games or talking about them. I hardly ever saw him, and when I did, the conversation was boring.

3 **Paul:** I'll do it tomorrow, OK?
Gemma: Oh, Paul. You _____ things off until tomorrow, or next week, or whatever. Why don't you just get it out of the way now?

4 **Butcher:** Why _____ around here, little dog? Can you smell those sausages? I don't know how someone so small can eat so much. Come on then, boy, come here! It's your lucky day!

4 ★★ Choose the correct option to complete the text.

Educate Yourself

Results a mess? Try not to stress. You can still find success.

Teachers and parents [1]*will / are* always telling young people how important it is to work hard at school. Of course, this is good advice, but some very successful people [2]*performed / were always performing* very poorly as students and still went on to achieve great things.

Deep thinker Albert Einstein [3]*used / use* to get poor grades in French at school. Though brilliant in other subjects, he struggled to master French and failed his college entrance exams as a result.

Actor Orlando Bloom [4]*didn't use to / wouldn't* find school easy and [5]*would / will* struggle with many subjects as a result of his dyslexia.

It is important to do your best at school of course, but there are clearly other routes to success.

5 ★★★ Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the word in capitals.

I didn't have a large circle of friends at school, but now that I'm at university I know lots of people. **USE**
I *didn't use to have* a large circle of friends at school but now that I'm at university I know lots of people.

1 Holly bites her nails constantly. **IS**
Holly _____ her nails.

2 Ms Wilson, our neighbour, was very curious – she would always ask us a lot of questions. **TO**
Ms Wilson, our neighbour, _____ very curious – she would always ask us a lot of questions.

3 Stephen leaves everything until the last minute and then panics. **WILL**
Stephen _____ everything until the last minute and then panic.

4 We picked and ate fresh fruit from the garden when we were kids. **WOULD**
We _____ fresh fruit from the garden when we were kids.

SHOW WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT

6 Choose the correct answers A–C.

1 Naomi didn't __ to suffer from allergies when she lived in the countryside.
A use B used C would

2 Scott is not very bright. He __ raise his hand in class even when he has no idea of the answer.
A would B always C will

3 Whenever I stayed at Auntie Freda's, she __ always make pancakes for breakfast.
A will B would C used

4 __ you use to watch that funny show with the puppets? I can't remember its name now.
A Did B Would C Were

5 When they were younger, Ben and Jamie __ to walk to school together. Now Jamie drives.
A will B used C enjoyed

6 Summer holidays __ to last forever when I was in primary school.
A would B [illegible] C used

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