

LANGUAGE IN ACTION

used to, would and past simple

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 Did you play (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?
- 3 People went to the cinema more often before the Internet.
- 4 Clothes didn't wear out so quickly before.
- 5 Oh, no! Did you leave the keys at home?
- 6 Was there a castle in this town before?

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



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

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

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

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

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

5  Rewrite the underlined part of the sentence with *would*. If it isn't possible, rewrite the sentence with *used to*.

- 1 We lived in the country before.
We used to live in the country before.
- 2 I often arrived late for school when I was young.
- 3 Did you wear glasses before?
- 4 My grandma always went for a walk after breakfast.
- 5 My dad often swam in the sea when he lived in C...
- 6 My mum was a nurse before.

6  Circle the correct option OR options.

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