

2 GRAMMAR: Statements with *was* and *were*

A Complete the sentences with *was*, *wasn't*, *were*, or *weren't*.

- I'm tall now, but I wasn't a tall child.
- My grandparents are always home now, but in 2015, they at work.
- We're in the same class now, but we in the same class last year.
- Gabriel is in college now, but in 2016, he in high school.
- I'm not on vacation now, but I on vacation last week.
- School is fun now, but it fun before.

1 FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE: Expressing uncertainty

A Erica and Chris are at a party. Erica asks questions about the people she sees. **Circle** the correct words to complete the conversation.

Erica Who's that man over there?

Chris ¹I'm *not* / *no* sure. ²I *think* / *know* he's Alma's brother.

Erica OK. And who's the woman next to him?

Chris Oh, that's Jamie's wife. Her name is Mischa, ³I *know* / *think*.

Erica Right. Where's Alma? It's her birthday party and I can't see her!

Chris ⁴I have *no* / *not* idea!

Erica There's Jamie. ⁵*Maybe* / *Yeah* Jamie can tell us!

B **READ FOR DETAIL** Read words 1–5 below. **Circle** the words in the article. Then match the words with their meanings (a–g). You don't need to use all the meanings.

- | | | | |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| 1 it (line 7) | <u>g</u> | a children | f things |
| 2 them (line 9) | <u> </u> | b grandparents | g toy |
| 3 it (line 13) | <u> </u> | c music | |
| 4 them (line 14) | <u> </u> | d parents | |
| 5 them (line 18) | <u> </u> | e soccer ball or guitar | |

Why do we keep things?

Old toys. Old music. Old soccer balls. Why are they so important? Why do we keep them? Here are three reasons:

Our feelings

⁵ Maybe your favorite toy when you were a child was from your grandparents. You don't play with the toy now. You never see it. But you still want to keep it. Why? Because it's from your grandparents. You love them very much. So you ¹⁰ keep the toy.

Money

Do you have your parents' old music? Maybe the music was five dollars in the 1970s. Maybe it is going to be 50 or 100 dollars in 20 years. Sometimes we keep things because we can get money for them in the future.

¹⁵ The future

Why are you keeping your old soccer ball or your old guitar? You don't need them now. You don't play soccer or the guitar. But maybe your son or daughter is going to be a great soccer player or a wonderful guitar player. You're keeping them for your children.

