

# GRAMMAR

## 1.2

Present and past habits

### SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

#### 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.

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### Educate Yourself

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

Teachers and parents <sup>1</sup>**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 <sup>2</sup>**performed** / **were always performing** very poorly as students and still went on to achieve great things.

Deep thinker Albert Einstein <sup>3</sup>**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 <sup>4</sup>**didn't use to** / **wouldn't** find school easy and <sup>5</sup>**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 seem      C used

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