1 Read

A. Do the quiz and test your knowledge. Then listen and check your answers.

Quiz:

Travelling Then and Now...

1 Nowadays, lots of people drive electric cars. They are good for long journeys because it is cheap to charge them, and they are environmentally friendly. But electric cars weren't always popular. When did the first electric cars appear on the roads?

a. in the 1890s **b. in the 1920s** **c. in the 1950s**

2 Today, travelling by ship is fast, cheap and safe. But travelling by ship used to be difficult. In the past, famous explorers went on long voyages around the world. These voyages were dangerous, and it sometimes took months for the ships to see land. How long did it take explorer Ferdinand Magellan to cross the Pacific Ocean in 1521?

a. a month **b. about two months** **c. about three months**

3 Nowadays, travelling by plane is easy and fast. A flight from London to New York takes about 7 hours. But travelling by plane didn't use to be that easy. In 1919, John Alcock and Arthur Brown made the first non-stop flight across the Atlantic. How long did this flight take?

a. 27 hours **b. 20 hours** **c. 16 hours**

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4 People started using trains for travelling in the 19th century. In 1830, trains could run at about 30 km/h. Today, there are new kinds of trains that are very fast, like the maglev train. How fast can the Shanghai maglev train complete its 30 km journey?

a. in about 4 minutes **b.** in about 7 minutes **c.** in about 10 minutes

B. Read again and answer the questions.

1. Why do people use electric cars for long journeys?

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2. Did travelling by ship use to be fast?

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3. How did explorers travel around the world?

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4. What happened in 1919?

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5. What is the maglev train?

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2 Vocabulary

Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

voyage	explorers	takes	land	world

1. On its first _____ , the ship travelled to Australia.
2. It _____ about 30 minutes to walk to the beach.
3. I'm reading a book about famous _____ , like Columbus and Magellan.
4. When he was twenty years old, he spent a year travelling around the _____ .
5. After two months at sea, we saw _____ .

3 Grammar

Used to

*I **used to** have a pet dog when I was a child.*
(= I don't have a dog any more.)

*My parents **didn't use to** go to the theatre.*
(= Now they go to the theatre.)

***Did** Henry **use to** play football?*

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Complete the sentences below. Use the correct form of *used to* and the words in brackets.

1. Paul _____ (not go) to the youth club, but now he goes every day.
2. **A:** _____ (you / live) in London when you were young?

   B: No, I _____ (live) in Bristol.
3. Alison _____ (drive) to work, but now she takes the bus.
4. Jane and I _____ (hang out) after school, but now we only hang out on Saturdays.
5. **A:** _____ (Julie / have) long hair?

   B: Yes, she did.

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4 Listen

A. How much do you know about the explorer Christopher Columbus? Answer the questions below. Then listen to the first half of a radio programme and check your answers.

Christopher Columbus

1. Where was he from?

a. Italy **b.** Spain

2. When was he born?

a. in 1451 **b.** in 1541

3. Where did he travel to?

a. the Americas **b.** Australia

4. How many voyages did he go on?

a. 3 **b.** 4

B. Now listen to the rest of the radio programme and write T for True or F for False.

1. Columbus took three ships on his first voyage. ◯
2. After three months they found land. ◯
3. Near the end of the voyage, the sailors didn't have food or drink. ◯
4. The first place Colombus went to was San Salvador. ◯
5. Columbus also travelled to India. ◯
6. Columbus found out he was in America on his third voyage. ◯

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