

► Grammar

used to

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *used to* and the verbs.

- > Dad didn't use to drive (not drive) to work.
- My aunt _____ (wear) platform boots in the 1970s.
 - Children _____ (not play) with electronic toys.
 - My dad _____ (have) a black and white TV.
 - I _____ (not speak) to my friends on a mobile phone.
 - _____ you _____ (like) vegetables when you were younger?

2 Complete the text with the correct form of *used to* and the verbs from the box.

not be have play not contact
watch write talk

Things were very different in the 1980s. People used to have TVs, and the lucky ones ¹ _____ videos on them. People ² _____ very simple games on their computers, but the games ³ _____ colourful or look very exciting – very different from today! My dad ⁴ _____ to people on his mobile phone, but the phone was really big and looked very silly. The Internet didn't exist in the 1980s, so teenagers ⁵ _____ each other through social networking sites. Instead, they ⁶ _____ letters to their friends in the holidays. It seems hard to believe now!

Past perfect

3 Choose the correct alternative.

- > Our clothes had been/were wet because it had rained/rained.
- I hadn't left/didn't leave England before I had gone/went to Spain last year.
 - The teacher had been/was angry because Kate hadn't done/didn't do her homework.
 - When I had got/got on the bus, I discovered that I forgot/had forgotten my money.
 - All the students had gone/went home so the school had been/was quiet.
 - Yesterday my brother got/had got home after we had finished/finished our dinner.

4 Complete the text with the correct Past simple or Past perfect form of the verbs.

In music history, Stuart Sutcliffe is known as the fifth Beatle. In 1960, when the Beatles played (play) in Hamburg, Germany, Stuart ¹ _____ (be) the bass guitarist. He ² _____ (be) also in love. He ³ _____ (meet) a girl called Astrid Kirchherr. The Beatles ⁴ _____ (return) to Britain without Stuart because he ⁵ _____ (decide) to stay in Germany to study Art. But things went wrong when he ⁶ _____ (start) to have terrible headaches. The doctors ⁷ _____ (not know) what was wrong with him. One day, while he ⁸ _____ (be) in a class, he ⁹ _____ (become) very ill. When the Beatles ¹⁰ _____ (go) back to Germany in 1962, Astrid ¹¹ _____ (tell) them some terrible news. Stuart ¹² _____ (die).

Past simple: subject and object questions

5 Tick (✓) the correct questions. Then correct the wrong questions.

- > ☒ Who invited you?
- ☐ Who did write a letter to you?
 - ☐ What your parents did yesterday?
 - ☐ Why did they go to the library?
 - ☐ How many people came to the barbecue?
 - ☐ What they bought for her birthday?

6 Read the text and complete the questions about the missing information. Then match the questions (1–5) to their answers (a–f).

Sarah got home from school. She went into the kitchen and found her ... there. They looked excited. They sang '1 ...' to Sarah. Her mum laughed ² It was strange because her dad usually came home ³ There was a box ⁴ ... Dad said, 'Open it!' Suddenly, ⁵ ... jumped out of the box and licked Sarah's face!

- > c Who did Sarah find _____ in the kitchen?
- ☐ What _____ to Sarah?
 - ☐ Why _____?
 - ☐ What time _____?
 - ☐ Where _____ the box?
 - ☐ What _____ out of the box?
- a a little dog
b on the table
c ~~her parents~~
d because Sarah looked surprised
e Happy Birthday
f at six o'clock

2 Grammar & vocabulary revision

Past simple v Past continuous

7 Tick (✓) the correct sentences. Then correct the wrong sentences.

- > ✓ We were watching the Olympics when Michael Phelps won his first medal.
- 1 ___ I was reading my book and I was eating.
- 2 ___ Mozart died while he was writing an important piece of music.
- 3 ___ We moved to Madrid when my dad was getting a new job.
- 4 ___ Paul won the lottery while he studied at university.
- 5 ___ Helen turned off the TV and went to bed.

8 Complete the sentences and questions with the correct Past simple or Past continuous form of the verbs.

- > Was your dad (your dad/be) happy when Fabregas scored (score) the winning goal?
- 1 They _____ (live) in London when the new millennium _____ (begin).
- 2 What _____ (you/do) when Barack Obama _____ (win) the election?
- 3 I _____ (wait) for the bus and I _____ (listen) to my MP3 player.
- 4 I _____ (go) upstairs and I _____ (close) the door.
- 5 My mum _____ (meet) my dad while she _____ (work) in a bank.

9 Complete each question with the Past simple and Past continuous forms of the verbs. Then match the questions (1–4) to their answers (a–e).

- > d What was Mozart writing (Mozart/write) when he died (he/die)?
- 1 ___ Where _____ (Amelia Earhart/fly) when _____ (her plane/disappear)?
- 2 ___ What _____ (fall) on Sir Isaac Newton's head while _____ (he/sit) under a tree?
- 3 ___ When _____ (Antoni Gaudí/die), what _____ (he/build)?
- 4 ___ Who _____ (start) painting while _____ (she/get better) after an accident?

- a an apple
- b Frida Kahlo
- c the Sagrada Família in Barcelona
- d ~~Requiem, a piece of church music~~
- e over the Pacific Ocean

► Vocabulary

Generations

10 Complete the dialogue with the words from the box.

fashion	births	boom
hairstyle	icon	craze

- George** Grandad, when were you born?
- Grandad** I'm a child of the baby boom. I was born in 1946. There were a lot of ¹ _____ that year!
- George** Who was your favourite film star?
- Grandad** Cary Grant. He was a great ² _____ in those days.
- George** What was your hair like in the '60s?
- Grandad** It was short. For women, there was a ³ _____ for beehives. Your grandmother loved that ⁴ _____.
- George** And what about the '70s?
- Grandad** Ah, it was different then – long hair, big jeans and platform boots. ⁵ _____ has changed a lot, you know!

Uses of get

11 Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

away	up	a bus	a driving licence
better	dark	upset	the flu
school	a job	a goal	

- > Joe wants his own car but he needs to get a driving licence.
- 1 I was ill, but I'm getting _____ now.
- 2 I'm tired. I'm going to get _____ home.
- 3 What time does the teacher usually get to _____? I need to speak to him.
- 4 What are you going to do after you leave school, go to university or get _____?
- 5 The tennis match stopped because it was getting _____.
- 6 Mike looks terrible! I think he's getting _____.
- 7 I'm going on holiday next week – I can't wait to get _____!
- 8 The football match was really exciting – we got _____ in the last minute.
- 9 She never gets _____ before 11 o'clock at the weekend – she's really lazy.
- 10 We told Sarah we didn't like her hairstyle and she got really _____.