



## UNIT 4. LIFE IN THE PAST

### LANGUAGE FOCUS

#### Topic:

Life in the past Phonetics:

Stress on auxiliary verbs in sentences

#### Grammar:

- Review: Used to
- Wish + past simple

#### Vocabulary:

- Life in the past
- Phrases with some verbs

#### Skills:

- Reading about children’s pastimes in the past
- Talking: Making comments on or express opinions about facts in the past
- Listening to and writing about school life in the past

### PRACTICE

#### I. Choose a word in each line that has different stress pattern.

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| 1. A. Surprise   | B. Event       | C. Behave        | D. Damage      |
| 2. A. Develop    | B. Understand  | C. Imagine       | D. Consider    |
| 3. A. Illiterate | B. Communicate | C. Entertainment | D. Traditional |
| 4. A. Programme  | B. Downtown    | C. Postman       | D. Custom      |
| 5. A. Importance | B. Violence    | C. Buffalo       | D. Grandparent |

#### II. Give the correct form of the word in CAPITALS to complete each of the following sentences.

1. You have to use your \_\_\_\_\_ when you read the story.(IMAGINE )
2. I think corporal\_\_\_\_\_ is now prohibited in schools. (PUNISH)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ , we used to cook five-colour sticky rice on the first day of the lunar month.(TRADITION)
4. Tom says he can’t put up with Mary’s \_\_\_\_\_ any longer.(BEHAVE)
5. Those \_\_\_\_\_ over there are friends of both the bride and groom.(ATTEND)

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6. The photo brought back many happy memories of my \_\_\_\_\_ (CHILD)
7. I think riding a bicycle is \_\_\_\_\_, especially when it rains.(CONVENIENCE)
8. She said that in her village \_\_\_\_\_ used to be arranged by parents.(MARRY)
9. Thirty years ago only \_\_\_\_\_ people in the city had the television. (WEALTH)
10. We used to \_\_\_\_\_ of our home village when we lived overseas.(THOUGHT)

### III. Complete each of the following sentences with **used to / didn't use to** using the verbs from the box.

*be buy climb play shop swim travel walk watch write*

1. In my childhood, there \_\_\_\_\_ so many high buildings here. There were parks.
2. People \_\_\_\_\_ with pen, but now they use computers.
3. My brother \_\_\_\_\_ football, but an injure stopped him from playing.
4. In my grandfather's youth, people \_\_\_\_\_ by car. They rode horses.
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ to school, but two weeks ago I got a bike so now I ride it every day.
6. My sister \_\_\_\_\_ when we went to the beach because she was afraid of water.
7. Mr. Lam \_\_\_\_\_ television in the morning. He did it in the evening.
8. David was a good climber in his youth. He \_\_\_\_\_ very high mountains.
9. My parents \_\_\_\_\_ me expensive toys as we were not rich.
10. We \_\_\_\_\_ in the town market. We bought fish, fruit and vegetables.

### IV. Choose the correct option A, B, C, or D to complete the sentences.

1. Many children in our village are still \_\_\_\_\_. They can't read or write.  
A. Creative                      B. Illiterate                      C. Unhealthy                      D. Traditional
2. We usually \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves by playing hike and seek or flying kites.  
A. Behave                      B. Collect                      C. Imagine                      D. Entertain
3. Laura is in the \_\_\_\_\_ of writing in her dairy every day.  
A. Habit                      B. Custom                      C. Practice
4. The children started to \_\_\_\_\_ each part of the story.  
A. Go out                      B. Act out                      C. Play out                      D. Cry out
5. "How cool!" is used to express \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. A wish                      B. A surprise

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C. An agreement

D. An appreciation

6. – “He had to work 12 hours every day.”

A. Sure.

C. How cool!

B. I wish I could go back to that time.

D. I can't imagine that.

7. We all \_\_\_\_\_ it were the weekend tomorrow.

A. Think      B. hope      C. wish      D. want

8. I \_\_\_\_\_ a teddy bear, but I don't have one now.

A. Used to having

C. Was use to having

B. Used to have

D. Was used to have

9. Minh wishes he \_\_\_\_\_ English perfectly well.

A. Spoke      B. speaks      C. is speaking      D. has spoken

10. They \_\_\_\_\_ go on holiday when they lived in the countryside.

A. not use to      C. didn't use to

B. weren't use to      D. hadn't used to

## V. Read the following passage and choose the best option for each blank to complete the passage.

Over the last century, there have been many significant changes in the way we live. Obviously, it is difficult to (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the life of ancient people and the life of the people living in the twenty-first century because so many changes have occurred. Even the changes that have (2) \_\_\_\_\_ over the last ten years are amazing.

People in the past were not (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to travel such long distances within such a short period of time. Nowadays, we have become very mobile. We have fast and (4) \_\_\_\_\_ cars. In addition, more and more people travel by plane.

Moreover, in the past people had to work harder as they did not have (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and machines to make their work easier. Today, most of the difficult and dangerous work is (6) \_\_\_\_\_ by computers and other powerful machines. In the past (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of living were not as comfortable as they are now. Besides many people could not afford (8) \_\_\_\_\_ appliances like a fridge or a vacuum cleaner because those used to be luxurious goods. Another difference (9) \_\_\_\_\_ living now and in the past is the fact that nowadays education is accessible to everyone. In the past men were mainly the only ones educated and women were not (10) \_\_\_\_\_ into public or private schools.

1. A. Predict B. Discuss C. Compare

D. Suppose

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| 2. A. Occurred   | B. Considered   | C. Expressed   | D. Arranged    |
| 3. A. Used       | B. Able         | C. Might       | D. Capable     |
| 4. A. Skillful   | B. Difficult    | C. Historical  | D. Comfortable |
| 5. A. Rules      | B. Tools        | C. Teams       | D. Ideas       |
| 6. A. Thought    | B. Played       | C. Done        | D. Seen        |
| 7. A. Conditions | B. Performances | C. Stories     | D. Conflicts   |
| 8. A. Mobile     | B. Physical     | C. Bare-footed | D. Household   |
| 9. A. Within     | B. Among        | C. Between     | D. Behind      |
| 10. A. Allowed   | B. Attended     | C. Agreed      | D. Appeared    |

## VI. Read the following passage and answer the questions.

My grandmother is more than ninety years old which makes her the oldest person in the whole family. Despite her old age, her memory is still fresh. She always tells us that many things used to be different when she was young.

My grandma used to begin her day very early. She used to start her day at 4 o'clock while everybody else was still in beds. She used to do all the housework by herself. She used to make clothes for her children and as for her outdoor work, she used to raise some chicken and sheep and she also used to help the males to grow vegetables.

There didn't use to be many pastime activities. Her hobby used to be listening to the radio. In the evening all the family used to sit by the fire in the sitting room where all the family gathered at night to tell tales or discuss family matters as weddings, harvest time or to assign the next day's work.

When a member of the family was ill, she used to show him which herbs to use. She collected them from the near forest or from the mountain. My grandma used to know so many effective methods to cure illnesses.

1. How is the memory of the writer's grandmother?

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2. What time did she use to start her day?

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3. What did she use to do in her pastimes?

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4. Where did her family use to sit in the evening?

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5. What did she usually do when a member of the family was ill?

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**VII. Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it is as similar as possible in meaning to the original sentence. Use the word given and other words as necessary. Do not change the form of the given word.**

1. He had a lot of money, but now he doesn't. (USED)

\_\_\_\_\_

2. The boys want to win the football match. (WISH)

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Did you always eat sweets when you were small? (USE)

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4. She dreams of spending her vacation in Ha Long Bay. (WISHES)

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5. They didn't use to drink coffee when they lived in Japan. (NEVER)

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