Unit 8 · Describing Past Habits

HARDER PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Full marks 21

Write your answers on separate paper.

1 Once, or again and again? [5]

Yangchen's grandmother tells her about her school days. Write *used to* or *didn't use to* with the verb wherever it can go. Where it can't, write the past simple.

"When I was a girl in Gorkha, I (1) ..... (walk) two hours to school every day. In winter, we always (2) ..... (warm) our hands at the fire before lessons began. One morning, a big storm (3) ..... (blow) the roof off our school. My father was strict: he (4) ..... (not let) me go out after dark. And the day I passed my exams, he (5) ..... (buy) me a watch."

Yangchen asks, "(6) ..... you ..... (play) dandi biyo, Grandma?"

a. Write the six answers.
b. Gaps 3 and 5 are about long ago, like the others. Why do they take the past simple, not *used to*?
c. Grandmother says she *used to walk* two hours to school. Does she walk to school now? How does *used to* tell you?

2 Sunpur then and now [5]

Sunpur is a made-up village. This table shows how it has changed.

	Twenty years ago	Now
Roofs	thatch	concrete
Going to the hospital	carried on a stretcher	by ambulance
Electricity	none	in every house
Getting to school	a two-hour walk	by school bus
Children's game	dandi biyo	cricket

a. Write four sentences about Sunpur, each with *used to* or *didn't use to*, and what is true now. At least one must use *didn't use to*.
b. A grandchild asks a grandparent two questions with *Did ... use to ...?* about Sunpur. Write the questions and the grandparent's short answers. The answers must be true from the table.
c. Correct this talk, and make the answer true from the table: "Did you used to play cricket when you were young?" "Yes, I used."

3 A short life, from its dates [5]

Here are some dates in the life of Anne Frank.

- 12 June 1929: Anne is born in Frankfurt, Germany.
- 1933: Hitler comes to power in Germany. The Franks move to Amsterdam.
- 12 June 1942: Anne gets a diary for her thirteenth birthday.
- 6 July 1942: The family goes into hiding in the Secret Annex.
- 4 August 1944: The people in the hiding place are found and arrested.

a. How old was Anne on the day the family went into hiding? How old was she on the day she was arrested?
b. About how long did they live in hiding?
c. Sushant wrote: *Anne used to get a diary for her birthday in 1942.* What is wrong with it? Write it correctly.
d. Write the question that this answer goes with, starting with *Why*: "Because Hitler came to power in Germany."

4 Dictionary order [6]

a. Write these words in dictionary order: *knot, kite, kitchen, key, keyboard, knee, kind*.
b. Bibek says *knife* comes between *nice* and *night* in a dictionary, because it starts with an "n" sound. Is he right? Explain.
c. The first word on a dictionary page is *pipal* and the last is *plant*. Which of these words are on that page? *pitcher, pipe, place, plan, plate, pine, pizza*. Explain why the others are not.

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