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A time to remember

Past tense

A Write the past tense of these verbs.

Verb	Past tense	Verb	Past tense
be	was / were	laugh	
lose		become	
scream		move	
get		open	
write		have	
hide		do	

B Complete this paragraph. Use the past tense of each of the verbs in part A.

My best friend in school <u>was</u> Miguel.
He and I in Mrs. Gilbert's third grade
class, and we friends then.
We often crazy things in class, but I don't
think Mrs. Gilbert ever really mad at us.
For example, Miguel a pet rat named
Curly. Sometimes he it in Mrs. Gilbert's
desk. Later, when she the
drawer, she always loudly
and the class After two
years, Miguel's family to another town.
We letters to each other for a
few years, but then we contact.
I often wonder what
he's doing now.

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Complete the questions in this conversation.

Mary:	Are you from around here?			
Sílvio:	No, I'm from Brazil.			
Mary:	Oh, really? <u>Were you born</u> in Brazil?			
Sílvio:	No, I wasn't born there, actually. I'm originally			
	from Portugal.			
Mary:	That's interesting. So, when			
	to Brazil?			
Sílvio:	I moved to Brazil when I was in elementary school.			
	My parents immigrated there.			
Mary:	in Brazil?			
Sílvio:	Yes, I grew up in Brazil.			
Mary:	Where?			
Sílvio:	We lived in Recife. It's a beautiful city in			
	northeast Brazil. Then I went to college.			
Mary:	to school in Recife?			
Sílvio:	No, I went to school in São Paolo.			
Mary:	And when to			
	the United States?			
Sílvio:	I came here last week. I'm Sílvio Mendes.			
	It's nice to meet you.			
Mary:	Nice to meet you, too. I'm Mary Burns.			



Answer these questions.

1.	Where were you born?
2.	Did you grow up there?
3.	Did you move when you were a child?
4.	Did you have pets when you were young?
5.	What hobbies did you have when you were a kid?
6.	When did you begin to learn English?

- A Do you know the actress Lucy Liu? What do you know about her?
- **B** Read about Lucy Liu.



ucy Liu was born in 1968 in Queens, New York. She is one of three children of Chinese immigrants. In 1990, she graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in Asian

languages and cultures. As a student, she also took classes in dance, voice, fine arts, and acting.

During her last year of college, Liu auditioned for a small part in a production of *Alice in Wonderland* and won the lead role. Encouraged by this experience, she decided to try to become a professional actress. She moved to Los Angeles and soon got a guest appearance as a waitress on *Beverly Hills 90210*. That performance led to more parts on other popular television shows, including *ER* and *The X-Files*.

Lucy Liu

Liu first appeared on the big screen as an ex-girlfriend in the 1996 movie *Jerry Maguire*. In 1997, she got her big break as a lawyer on the television series *Ally McBeal*. This role really started Liu's film career. In 1999, she was cast in the Mel Gibson action movie *Payback*. The next year brought even larger roles: first as a kidnapped princess in Jackie Chan's *Shanghai Noon*, and then as one of the crime-fighting trio in *Charlie's Angels*. In 2003, Liu followed with two more hits: as a master spy in *Charlie's Angels*: *Full Throttle* and as an international assassin in Quentin Tarantino's film *Kill Bill:Vol. 1*.

These days, Liu's many off-screen hobbies include the martial art of Kali-Eskrima-Silat (knife-and-stick fighting), skiing, rock climbing, horseback riding, and playing the accordion. Liu is also a gifted artist. In 1993, she exhibited some of her work in a gallery and won a grant to study art in China.

C Check (✓) True or False. For statements that are false, write the correct information.

	True	False
1. Lucy Liu was born in Los Angeles.		
2. She has a degree in acting from the University of Michigan.		
3. She worked as a waitress in Beverly Hills.		
4. Her first film role was in the movie <i>Jerry Maguire</i> .		
5. She has appeared in films with some very famous actors.		
6. She used to have a lot of hobbies before she started acting.		

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Choose the correct word or phrase.

I used to collect ______comic books _____ (hobbies / scrapbooks / comic books) when I was a kid.
 My favorite pet was a _______ (cat / comic / kid) called Felix.
 We used to go to _______ (sports / camp / school) during summer vacations.
 It was really fun.
 Our neighbors had a great _______ (painting / summer camp / tree house) in their backyard. We used to sleep in it.



Look at these childhood pictures of Kate and her brother Peter. Complete the sentences using used to.



1. In the summer, Kate and Peter sometimes

<u>used to play in their tree house.</u>



2. They also _____

Their dog Bruno always used to follow them.



3. And every year they _____



4. During the winter, Peter _____



5. Kate and Peter both _____

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Look at the answers. Write the questions using used to.

1.	A: What did you use to do in the summer?
	B: We used to go to the beach.
2.	A:
	B: No, we didn't collect shells. We used to build sand castles.
3.	A:
	B: Yes, we did. We used to go swimming for hours. Then we played all
	kinds of sports.
4.	A: Really? What
	B: Well, we used to play beach volleyball with some other kids.
5.	A:

B: No, we didn't. We used to win!



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How have you changed in the last five years? Write answers to these questions.

1.	What hobbies did you use to have five years ago? What hobbies do you have now?		
	I used to		
	Now,		
2.	What kind of music did you use to like then? What kind of music do you like now?		
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3.	What kinds of clothes did you use to like to wear? What kinds of clothes do you like to wear now?		

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Complete the sentences. Use the past tense of the verbs given.

Maria: I'm an immigrant	t here.		2	D. Darth
Iwas	_ (be) born in Chile	I Mebil		
and	(grow up) there.	NORTH	63	
I	_ (come) here in 2001.	1	" del	
I	_ (not be) very happy a	t	3977	A
first. Things	(be) diffic	ult	W.F.	
for me. I	(not speak)		26	
English, so I	(go) to a		一一篇	
community colleg	e and	(study)		
English there. My	y English	(get)		
better and I	(find)	1/		
this job. What ab	out you?	A	A	

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Choose the correct responses.

- 1. A: Are you from Toronto?
 - B: Well, no. I'm originally from Morocco.
 - Well, no. I'm originally from Morocco.
 - Neither am I.
- 2. A: Tell me a little about yourself.

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- Sure. Nice to meet you.
- What do you want to know?
- 3. A: How old were you when you moved here?

B: _____

- About 16.
- About 16 years ago.
- 4. A: Did you learn English here?

B:

- Yes, I was ten years old.
- No, I studied it in Morocco.
- 5. A: By the way, I'm Lisa.

B:

- What's your name?
- Glad to meet you.