


Practice

1 Choose the correct words in *italics>. In two sentences, both answers are possible.*

- 0 When we lived in the country, people in shops *would* (*used to be*) much friendlier.
 1 When I was a child we *didn't use* / *weren't used to* fly – we couldn't afford it.
 2 *Do* / *Did* you use to wear a uniform at your last school?
 3 When Matt was in his twenties, he *used to* / *would* play rugby every Sunday.
 4 Last week we *interviewed* / *used to interview* over twenty candidates.
 5 *Did you use to* / *Would you* have dark hair when you were a girl?
 6 In the nineteenth century people *worked* / *used to work* longer hours than they do now.

2 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Complete the text with the verbs in brackets. Use the past simple, *used to* or *would*. (Remember not to repeat *used to* too much.)  3.01 Listen and check.**The greatest mountain climber of all time?**

Reinhold Messner is often called 'the greatest mountain climber of all time'; he was the first person to climb all fourteen peaks of over 8,000 metres.

Messner was born near Bolzano, Italy, in 1944. This area (0) *used to belong* (belong) to the Austrian Empire, and is still German-speaking. When Reinhold was a child, he

(1) (go) climbing in the Dolomite Mountains with his father and brothers. He (2) (become) a very good climber at a young age. He first (3) (climb) the Himalayas in 1970, though this expedition was a tragedy because his brother

(4) (die) on the way down.

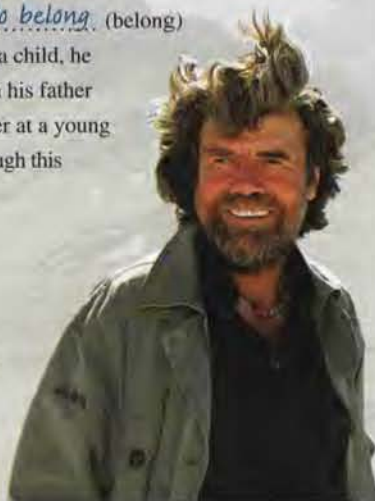

Messner was well-known for his attitude to the mountains: he (5)

..... (climb) with only light equipment, he

(6) (not request) any outside support and he

(7) (not take) any extra oxygen – at a time when it was thought impossible to climb the highest peaks without oxygen. Apart

from mountaineering, Messner (8) (make) a number of Arctic and Antarctic crossings.

3 Find six more mistakes and correct them. Tick (✓) the correct sentences.  3.02 Listen and check.

- 0 Messner didn't use to ^{take} ~~taking~~ extra oxygen when he climbed.
 1 When we went to Nepal, I used to climb to Everest Base Camp once.
 2 When we were children, we'd often visit our grandparents at the weekends.
 3 People today use to spend a lot of time on their computers.
 4 Did they use to have electric lighting in the 1800s?
 5 Centuries ago people would be a lot shorter than today.
 6 We never use to stay at school for lunch in those days.
 7 Before the 1960s men wouldn't have long hair.
 8 Were you used to learn French when you were at school?

4 Use the words in brackets to write about things that have changed in your life.

- 0 (holidays) *When I was young we would go to the mountains on holiday, but now I go abroad.*
 1 (holidays)
 2 (music)
 3 (friends)