

Language focus Expressing habit

TEST YOUR GRAMMAR

1 Match a line in A to a line in B.

A	B
1 When we were little we	will never let you down.
2 A good friend	spends hours gazing at Dan's photo.
3 My sister's in love – she	is always talking about himself.
4 I love my job, but I	can't get used to working night shifts.
5 Bill is so self-centred, he	used to wear top hats.
6 In Victorian times, men	used to be best friends.

Underline the words that express habit. Which are past and which present?

2 Choose the correct ending for these sentences.

He used to work hard	because he's a builder.
He's used to working hard	but now he's retired.



Friends forever!

1 How do you keep in touch with friends? How can you get back in touch if you've lost touch? Have you ever got back in touch with an old friend?

2 Read quickly through Nicky's email. Who is it to? Why is she writing?

3 Complete the email with phrases a–l.

a meet up	g get used to calling
b 'd go cycling	h loved
c were always giggling	i 'd argue
d would go	j used to listen
e painted	k 'll always arrive
f used to sit	l would never wear

9.1 Listen and check. Who are the four friends? What do you learn about their lives now?

4 Match lines in A and B. Practise saying them. Pay attention to contracted forms and weak forms.

A	B
1 We used to sit	round town.
2 We were always giggling	you Anastasia.
3 We'd go back	late.
4 We'd go cycling	and whispering.
5 I can't get used to calling	to your house.
6 She'll always arrive	next to each other.

9.2 Listen and check.

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Hi Tazy! (Anastasia!)

It's great to be in touch again. The wonder of social media – sometimes! How could anybody forget a name like yours? Crazy Tazy Jones! And now you're a 'Peabody'!

You and I were friends from the start. We ¹ _____ next to each other in class, but then the teachers made us sit apart, because we ² _____ and whispering.

Do you remember how we ³ _____ back to your house after school and listen to music for hours on end? CDs in those days! We both ⁴ _____ **Oasis**, but we ⁵ _____ endlessly about who was better – Liam or Noel. Oh, and we also ⁶ _____ to the **Spice Girls** – but 'in secret', because they were so 'uncool'.

Then there was that time we ⁷ _____ your bike bright pink. Then we ⁸ _____ round town on it, and we ⁹ _____ our helmets. Your dad was furious – but we didn't care!

I ¹⁰ _____ with Polly and Tina from time to time. They're both married with kids, and, like us, balancing work and home life. Polly's the same as ever, a rotten timekeeper – she ¹¹ _____ late and rush in, full of apologies.

It'd be so great if you could join us – in the meantime keep on keeping in touch! It's great to catch up.

Love,

Nicky

PS I can't ¹² _____ you Anastasia Peabody! To me, you'll always be Crazy Tazy Jones.