

## Discussing grammar

3 Work with a partner. Decide which sentence in **B** best continues the sentence in **A**.

| A  | B  |
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| 1 <b>My friend</b> Joe buys and sells cars.<br>2 He's always buying new things for himself – the latest iPhone or smartwatch.<br>3 He'll buy an expensive shirt and only wear it once. | He's a real techno-geek.<br>Don't you think that's wasteful of him?<br>He earns loads of money.                                      |
| 4 <b>John</b> usually does the cooking<br>5 He's used to doing the cooking<br>6 Dave used to do the cooking<br>7 Mike's getting used to doing the cooking                              | because he's been doing it for years.<br>but he isn't tonight. I am.<br>but then he stopped.<br>but he still burns things sometimes. |
| 8 <b>When I was young</b> , we used to have holidays by the seaside.<br>9 My dad and I would go rock climbing and I'd go swimming with my mum.<br>10 One year we went to America.      | What an adventure that was!<br>We'd go to the same place year after year.<br>I remember those day with such fondness!                |

### used to and would

4 Read *When I was a boy*, and note the verbs *in italics*. They are all in the **Past Simple**. Which are **state** verbs? Which are **action** verbs?

5 With your partner decide which verbs ... ?

- 1 can take *would* or *used to*
- 2 can take only *used to* or not *would*
- 3 must stay in the Past Simple

🔊 9.4 Discuss how to rewrite the text to make it sound more nostalgic, then listen and compare.

### used to do/used to doing

6 Answer the questions with a form of *used to do*, *be/get used to doing/sb/sth*.

- 1 **A** You don't like your new teacher, do you?  
**B** Not a lot, but *we're getting used* to her.
- 2 **A** How can you get up at five o'clock every morning?  
**B** No problem. I \_\_\_\_\_ it now.
- 3 **A** How come you know New York so well?  
**B** I \_\_\_\_\_ live there.
- 4 **A** How are you finding your new job?  
**B** Difficult, but I \_\_\_\_\_ it bit by bit.
- 5 **A** Do you still have any CDs?  
**B** No, I \_\_\_\_\_ have loads, but not anymore.
- 6 **A** Do you get on well with your sister?  
**B** Well, we \_\_\_\_\_, but now we're really close.
- 7 **A** You two argue so much. How can you live together?  
**B** After 20 years we \_\_\_\_\_ each other.

🔊 9.5 Listen and check. What else does **B** say? Practise with your partner.

🔗 Go online for more grammar practice

## When I was a boy...

When I was a boy, we *lived* in a village, in the heart of the countryside and I *liked* going for long walks, especially on summer mornings. I *got up* early in the morning without waking my parents. We *had* a dog called Bob and he and I *crept* out of the house and down the lane. Bob and I *climbed* the hills together while the rest of the world was sleeping. Once I *walked* for nearly twenty miles and my parents *got* very worried. I *loved* those days, so innocent, so carefree. I *went* back there last year – but it wasn't the same.

