

# 8 GRAMMAR

## 1 Choose the correct option.

0. I *finished* / *was finishing* writing my book when the electricity *went* / *was going off*.
1. I *tried* / *was trying* octopus while I *was travelling* / *travelled* in Galicia.
2. Alexander Fleming *was discovering* / *discovered* penicillin while he *was working* / *worked* on other experiments.
3. They *talked* / *were talking* when they *were hearing* / *heard* a loud crash from outside.
4. We *saw* / *were seeing* the science lab while we *visited* / *were visiting* the university.
5. She *swam* / *was swimming* the other day when she *was seeing* / *saw* a shark!

## 2 Put the words in order to make sentences.

0. used / watch / I / to / cartoons  
*I used to watch cartoons.*
1. dad / play / my / football / to / used  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. use / homework / didn't / much / I / get / so / to  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. forget / he / to / did / use / a lot / things / of ?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. speak / much / use / I / very / didn't / to  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. running / day / they / to / go / used / every  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 3 Rewrite the sentences to make the positive ones negative and the negative ones positive.

0. I didn't use to go to school in the afternoon.  
*I used to go to school in the afternoon.*
1. He used to visit me on Saturdays.  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. We used to have money for research.  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. The school didn't use to have a good library.  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Our teacher used to give us extra credit.  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. We didn't use to drive everywhere.  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 4 Match the sentence halves.

0. *If my parents didn't live so far away,*
1. I wouldn't tell anyone
2. If they needed money,
3. I'd buy a new phone
4. If she liked you
5. I'd go to the amusement park
- a. if I were you.
- b. if I had the money.
- c. *I'd see them more often.*
- d. if I didn't have to go to school tomorrow.
- e. she'd call you.
- f. they'd ask for some.

## 5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in brackets.

0. If I *had* a dog, I'd love it very much. (have)
1. I \_\_\_\_\_ you if I could. (help)
2. If you \_\_\_\_\_ your bag here, it'd get stolen. (leave)
3. I'd tell the truth if I \_\_\_\_\_ you. (be)
4. If I won the lottery, I \_\_\_\_\_ to New Zealand. (travel)
5. I'd tell you if I \_\_\_\_\_ the answer. (know)
6. If scientists had more money, they \_\_\_\_\_ more discoveries. (make)
7. If it wasn't so hot, I \_\_\_\_\_ the air conditioning. (not use)

## 6 Complete the sentences with *wish* and the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

0. I *wish I had* a horse. (have)
1. He \_\_\_\_\_ his sister \_\_\_\_\_ here. (be)
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ go to the festival. (can)
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ the answers, but I don't. (know)
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ more languages. (speak)
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ the phone \_\_\_\_\_ so loudly. (not ring)

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## Answer Key

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1. tried; was travelling
  2. discovered; was working
  3. were talking; heard
  4. saw; were visiting
  5. was swimming; saw
- 2
1. My dad used to play football.
  2. I didn't use to get so much homework.
  3. Did he use to forget a lot of things?
  4. I didn't use to speak very much.
  5. They used to go running every day.
- 3
1. He didn't use to visit me on Saturdays.
  2. We didn't use to have money for research.
  3. The school used to have a good library.
  4. Our teacher didn't use to give us extra credit.
  5. We used to drive everywhere.
- 4
1. a
  2. f
  3. b
  4. e
  5. d
- 5
1. would help
  2. left
  3. were
  4. would travel
  5. knew
  6. would make
  7. wouldn't use
- 6
1. wishes; was / were
  2. wish I could
  3. wish I knew
  4. wish I spoke
  5. wish; didn't ring