

# ENGLISH

Chapter 6  
Week 6

**2nd**  
SECONDARY

**THEN AND NOW**

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# Simple past

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## Reinforcement

Write the simple past form of the verbs in the box. Which verb is regular?

be   can   come   do   get   go   have  
live   read   see   speak   think   write

BASE FORM		SIMPLE PAST	
<b>REGULAR</b>	Be		were
	Can		could
	Come		came
	Do		did
	Get		got
	Go		went
	Have		had
	Live		lived
	Read		read
	See		saw
	Speak		spoke
	Think		thought
	Write		wrote

**6**

**Challenge**

Write a question for each answer. Use the ideas in the box to help you.

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Yes, I could.

Could you ride a bike when you were seven?

3

No, they weren't.

Were your grandparents at your house last night?

4

Yes, I was.

Were you in class yesterday?

5

No, they didn't.

Did Carlos and Pepe do their homework?

6

Yes, I did.

Did you have milk for breakfast?

7

No, he couldn't.

Could your father speak English when he was a child?

# An email to an e-pal

- 1** Read the email from Fraser to his e-pal. Circle the best description a, b or c.
- a** what he likes about home and school
  - b** how his life was different in the past
  - c** how things are better now

1 - Dear Ekin,

2 - How are you? I hope your exams were OK. In your last letter, you asked me to tell you about my life when I was seven, so here you are!

3 - We lived in a smaller house then and I used to share a room with my brother, Grant. We did more things together, but now he doesn't have much free time because of his job. Six years ago, we used to spend time playing soccer on our team or on our bikes. Now I do more things indoors and I like this house more because I have my own room.

4 - Another difference is that I didn't use to go to school in the city. I went to the local school and I could have lunch at home because the school was very near our house. Sometimes in the winter our teacher couldn't get to school because of the snow, so we used to have the day off – it was great!

5 - Now it's your turn: tell me about your life when you were seven!

6 - Fraser



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**c** how things are better now

**2** Look at the email again.  
Match sections 1–6 with  
descriptions a–f.

- a paragraph about school 4
- b opening paragraph to introduce the letter 2
- c signature of the writer 6
- d paragraph about home life 3
- e closing sentence asking the reader to write back 5
- f greeting the person he's writing to 1

**3** Read the email again. Are the sentences true, false or is there no information?

1 Fraser lives in a bigger house now.

☒ True

2 Fraser is studying, so he spends less time with Grant now.

3 Fraser never plays soccer now.

☒ No information

☒ False

4 He doesn't share a room now.

☒ True

5 Fraser goes to school in his town.

☒ False

6 He doesn't like his school lunch now.

☒ No information

## ► Subskill: *because* and *because of*

When we give a reason, we use *because* and *because of*.

- 4 In the email, find two sentences with *because* and two sentences with *because of*.

Dear Ekin,

How are you? I hope your exams were OK. In your last letter, you asked me to tell you about my life when I was seven, so here you are!

We lived in a smaller house then and I used to share a room with my brother, Grant. We did more things together, but now ~~he doesn't have much free time because of his job~~ (sentence with because of). Six years ago, we used to spend time playing soccer on our team or on our bikes. Now I do more things indoors and ~~I like this house more because I have my own room~~ (sentence with because).

Another difference is that I didn't use to go to school in the city. I went to the local school and ~~I could have lunch at home because the school was very near our house~~ (sentence with because). Sometimes in the winter ~~our teacher couldn't get to school because of the snow,~~ (sentence with because of) so we used to have the day off – it was great!

Now it's your turn: tell me about your life when you were seven!

Fraser

**5** Look at the sentences in exercise 4 and complete the rules.

1 because comes before a noun.

2 because of comes before subject + verb.

I like this house more because I have my own room.

I could have lunch at home because the school was very near our house.

... he doesn't have much free time because of his job.

... our teacher couldn't get to school because of the snow.

## 6 Complete the sentences with *because* or *because of*.

**because of**

1 I really enjoy history at school \_\_\_\_\_ the teacher.

2 That series was great because we could see how people lived a century ago.

3 I didn't enjoy the visit to the museum because the guide was very strict.

**because of**

4 \_\_\_\_\_ the weather, we couldn't visit the Aztec pyramids.

# used to

H 7

## Reinforcement

Circle the correct option.

H  
O  
M  
E  
W  
O  
R  
K

- 1 I **used to share**/use to share a room with my brother.
- 2 I didn't use to like rap but now I **do/don't**.
- 3 **Did you used live/Did you use to live** here?
- 4 Did you use to go to the beach on vacation?  
**No, I usen't/No, I didn't**.
- 5 **She used to use/She used to using** a camera, but now she takes photos with her phone.
- 6 He **didn't use to/didn't used to** have long hair.