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Read the text and place the sentences below in the correct paragraphs.

- a. Another difference is that there didn't use to be many sources of entertainment.
- b. Nowadays, we have fast and comfortable cars and more people travel by plane.
- c. Do we really have better lives?
- d. Over the last century, we have experienced many important changes in our lives.
- e. In the past, there were fewer schools and the quality of education was much poorer.



BETTER OR WORSE?

1. _____.

Actually, it is hard to compare life in the past with life in the twenty-first century because there are so many changes.

2. First of all, people couldn't travel such long distances in such a short period of time. The planes were not popular then because they used to be a very expensive means of transport.

Moreover, in the past, people used to work much harder because they did not have tools to make their work easier. Today, computers and other machines do most of the difficult and dangerous work. In the past, the conditions of living were not as comfortable as they are now. There didn't use to be bathrooms and running water in many houses, besides many people could not afford household appliances like fridge, TV set or vacuum cleaner because they used to be luxurious goods.

3. Another difference between living now and in the past is the fact that nowadays access to education is much easier. _____.

_____. Besides, nowadays it is much easier to find the educational materials because we have the internet.

4. _____.

So people used to spend more time with their family and friends. They also respected their traditions. Traditions teach younger generations a lot of things and help relationships to be stronger, but, nowadays, most people prefer to have lonely lives.

5. As a result, it is clear that life has changed significantly in the last couple of years. It is definitely much easier now. The scientific achievements and technological progress are amazing. We still create new inventions to make our lives simple. On the other hand, however, life now is much faster and busier than it used to be. Moreover, it has also become more dangerous. _____.