

## Grammar

### Practice A

Think about how people lived before. Write sentences with the same meaning using *used to* or *did/didn't* use to.

1. Did people wash a lot?

Did people use to wash a lot?

2. No, people didn't wash very often.

\_\_\_\_\_

3. They didn't have water inside the house.

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Did people live for a long time?

\_\_\_\_\_

5. No, most people lived a short life.

\_\_\_\_\_

6. They didn't have many doctors.

\_\_\_\_\_

7. Did people have electricity?

\_\_\_\_\_

8. No, people didn't have electricity.

\_\_\_\_\_

9. Did people work hard?

\_\_\_\_\_

10. Yes, they worked hard.

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## Practice B

Complete the conversations with *yesterday*, *last*, or *ago*.

PAMELA: Where were you? I called you four times 1. *last* week.

MEG: I was in New York. I was there for a conference. It started 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Monday and ended 3. \_\_\_\_\_.

PAMELA: Lucky you. I love New York in the fall. I was there two years 4. \_\_\_\_\_ in October. The weather was beautiful!

MEG: Well, this October was terrible. The rain started two weeks 5. \_\_\_\_\_ and stopped 6. \_\_\_\_\_ week for just two days. Then it started to rain again 7. \_\_\_\_\_ afternoon just as I arrived at the airport.

PAMELA: 8. \_\_\_\_\_ afternoon? Were you in that traffic jam at the airport?

MEG: Yes, I was. I was really tired 9. \_\_\_\_\_ night when I got home. I was in bed by nine and opened my eyes only an hour 10. \_\_\_\_\_.

PAMELA: Oh, I called you ten minutes 11. \_\_\_\_\_, but your phone was busy.

MEG: That was my brother. He called me about 20 minutes 12. \_\_\_\_\_. He called me 13. \_\_\_\_\_ evening, too, but I was asleep.

PAMELA: By the way, Mary Jane called me 14. \_\_\_\_\_ Friday. She's getting married!

MEG: Really! Who's the lucky man?

PAMELA: His name is Tony Bradson. She started to work with him three years 15. \_\_\_\_\_, and they decided to get married last year. So they saved some money and decided the wedding date 16. \_\_\_\_\_ month.

## Practice C

Complete the sentences using *so* or *because*.

1. George was not feeling well \_\_\_\_\_ he went to bed early.
2. He forgot his wallet \_\_\_\_\_ he didn't buy a new shirt.
3. She failed the test \_\_\_\_\_ she didn't study enough.
4. Megan was bored \_\_\_\_\_ she went out to meet her friends.
5. We are staying home today \_\_\_\_\_ the weather is really bad.
6. They bought an Italian cookbook \_\_\_\_\_ they love Italian food.
7. She went by train \_\_\_\_\_ she doesn't like to fly.
8. Lee wants to be a computer programmer \_\_\_\_\_ he bought a book on computing.

## Reading

A. Read the text.



Between the years 250 and 900, the Mayan people of Central America and Mexico had the

### ***DID YOU KNOW . . . ?***

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greatest **civilization** in the Americas. There used to be about 14 million Maya at this time. They used to live in cities where they built huge pyramids.

They had special beliefs. These beliefs used to control the way they lived. The Maya were very skilled in **agriculture**, mathematics, pottery, and especially calendar making.

The Maya believed in astrology, and it controlled their lives. They were religious, and believed in gods related to nature, including the sun, moon, corn, and rain. They thought that the sun, moon, and stars had great power. They didn't have telescopes, but they knew all about the sky. Although they lived a long time ago, they made a calendar like the one we use today. It had

365 days. The Maya used to have special priests who **predicted** the future by **astrology**. Everyone listened to the priests and believed them. When a child was born, the parents used to take the baby to the priest. The priest told the parents the child's future. He used the Mayan calendar for this. Each day on the Mayan calendar said what a baby born on that day was going to be. The parents raised the child to be a farmer, a musician, or whatever the calendar said.

Mayan cities disappeared around the year 900. We do not know the reason for this. It may have been overpopulation, a lack of water, or perhaps war. Today, the **descendants** of the Maya people still exist in Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Belize. They still have some Mayan priests and use the old Mayan calendar to predict the future.

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- Glossary:**
- civilization (n.)** a society that has developed its own culture and institutions (อารยธรรม)
  - agriculture (n.)** the work, business, or study of farming (เกษตรกรรม)
  - predict (v.)** to say what you think will happen in the future (ทำนาย)
  - astrology (n.)** the study of the movement of the stars and planets and how some people think they influence people's characters and lives (โหราศาสตร์)
  - descendant (n.)** a relative of a person who lived in the past (ลูกหลาน)

**B.** Underline all the uses of the past tense. How many times is *used* to used? \_\_\_\_\_.

**C.** Answer the questions. Circle *a*, *b*, *c*, or *d*.

1. Paragraph 1 is mostly about \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. the people of Central America
  - b. how and where the Maya lived
  - c. how the Maya built their pyramids
  - d. the special beliefs of the Maya
2. What is the main idea of Paragraph 2?
  - a. Mayan priests predicted the future.
  - b. The Maya studied the sun, moon, and stars.
  - c. The Maya had their own calendar.
  - d. Astrology controlled Mayan life.
3. The Maya \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. built pyramids in the rainforests
  - b. invented telescopes
  - c. did what their priests told them
  - d. let parents decide their children's occupations
4. Mayan priests \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. lived in the pyramids
  - b. used astrology to tell the future
  - c. were good musicians
  - d. don't exist today

5. All of the following are true of the Maya EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. They had the greatest civilization in the Americas.
  - b. They disappeared around the year 900.
  - c. Their civilization was not in South America and Mexico.
  - d. They had knowledge of the sun, moon, and stars.
6. What can we guess about the Maya from the reading?
  - a. They were mostly farmers.
  - b. No Maya survived after the year 900.
  - c. They didn't know much about the universe.
  - d. Their disappearance is a mystery.
7. In Paragraph 2, we can guess that \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Mayan priests had great control over the lives of the Maya
  - b. the Maya had a lot of freedom in their lives
  - c. the Maya didn't trust their priests
  - d. Mayan children had many choices about their futures