

Growing up

Answer the questions.

- 1 What can you see?
- 2 What are these people doing?
- 3 What is the relationship between them?

“ It takes a whole village to raise a child. ”
African proverb



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1 There are two units in this section. Find the main texts and complete this chart.

	Text title	Text type	Topic
Unit 7			
Unit 8			

2 Ask and answer these questions with a partner.

Where did you grow up?
Did you enjoy growing up there?
Who do you remember from your childhood?

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Unit 7 Childhood memories

KEY READING SKILL INFERRING MEANING

KEY VOCABULARY SKILL WORDS WITH DIFFERENT MEANINGS

Focus

- 1 Look at these pictures and read the information.

childhood *noun*
the time of your life when you are a child



Did you know ...?

- Most people can remember experiences from three or four years of age.
- Learning a musical instrument can improve your memory.
- Some research has suggested that women have earlier memories than men!

- 2 Do you have a good memory? What's your earliest memory?

Think about it

- 1 Check (✓) the things you remember from your childhood.

From your childhood, do you remember ...

- | | |
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| a <input type="checkbox"/> a song you liked? | e <input type="checkbox"/> a hobby you enjoyed? |
| b <input type="checkbox"/> a good friend? | f <input type="checkbox"/> food you liked to eat? |
| c <input type="checkbox"/> your grandparents? | g <input type="checkbox"/> a toy you played with? |
| d <input type="checkbox"/> a pet you had? | h <input type="checkbox"/> clothes you wore? |

- 2 Make a group and share your memories.



1 Read this text. Choose the correct meaning of each word in *italics*.

Tom and I

My best friend in elementary school was Tom. When we met, he was six and so was I. We were in the same ^a *class* in school. We sat together and always ^b *played* together in the ^c *break*. His family lived near my family, so we ^d *saw* each other after school most days. In the summer, we went swimming in the ocean when the weather was ^e *hot*. In the winter, we played video games a lot. When his family moved to another city, I was very sad. I'll never forget the times we ^f *spent* together.



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| a 1 social group | 2 group of students |
| b 1 had fun | 2 made music |
| c 1 short vacation | 2 time for rest |
| d 1 visited | 2 looked at |
| e 1 very warm | 2 spicy |
| f 1 paid out | 2 had |

2 Complete each pair of sentences with the same word.

- When I _____ my eyes, I can still see all my childhood friends. Anne and I were very _____ when we were younger.
- I remember my uncle. He was always very helpful and _____. What _____ of music did you like when you were younger?
- For my first date, I decided to _____ a table in an expensive restaurant. The most interesting _____ I read as a teenager was *The Catcher in the Rye*.
- Can you see that house on the _____? I lived there as a child. My grandfather _____ school at 14 and got a job.

Predicting

You're going to read some messages on a blog. Look at these names, and guess where each person is from.

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|-----------|-------------|
| a Carla | 1 Hong Kong |
| b Daisuke | 2 Mexico |
| c Ricardo | 3 Japan |
| d Terri | 4 Canada |
| e Leung | 5 Italy |

Reading fluently



Read the text quickly. Time yourself, and record your time in the chart on page 6.

Welcome to my blog

Stephen Williams Friday, June 21



Today I went to the beach. It was my first day at the ocean for many years. The sound and smell of the ocean brought back memories of the great family vacations when I was a child. We always went to the beach for a week in the summer. I remembered playing for hours in the sand with my sister and crying when I couldn't have any ice cream. Oh, and I remembered finding a huge jellyfish on the beach, and running away because I was scared! Amazing, really, the things you remember from your childhood ...



Comments

➤ Yeah, I remember going for long walks in the countryside. I guess I was only eight or nine. In the winter, my mom made soup, and I can still remember the wonderful smell! When we got home, I always went straight to sleep ...

Carla, Mexico

➤ What a great story! I remember going to the beach, too – on Christmas Day! My family lived in Australia when I was young. I remember waking up early. After we opened our presents, we always went to the beach and had a barbecue.

Leung, Hong Kong

➤ The best memory I have is playing my first video game, *Super Mario*. I remember thinking that it was amazing. It was my tenth birthday and I still remember opening the box.

Daisuke, Japan

➤ I like your story about Christmas, Leung. When I read it, I remembered Halloween one year when I was a child. I wore a Superwoman costume and went to a barbecue with my brothers ... I can remember eating my first kebab! I didn't know what it was, but I liked the spicy sauce!

Terri, Canada

➤ I remember playing soccer on the beach. I was nine. I fell and hurt my leg, so my sister took me home.

Ricardo, Italy

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jellyfish *noun*

a soft, transparent sea animal that can sting you

costume *noun*

clothes that the actors wear in a play or a film

kebab *noun*

a food that consists of small pieces of meat and vegetables cooked on a stick

Understanding the text

1 Read these questions and write your answers.

- a Where did Stephen's family go on vacation in the summer? _____
- b Who does he remember playing with on the beach? _____
- c How often does Stephen go to the beach these days? _____
- d What did he see that made him scared? _____
- e How did he feel when he saw the jellyfish? _____

2 Complete each sentence with one word.

- a Ricardo's memory is from when he was _____ years old.
- b Terri remembers wearing a _____ costume.
- c Daisuke remembers the present he received on his _____ birthday.
- d Carla says her mom made soup in the _____.
- e Leung's family always had a _____ on Christmas Day.

3 How many people have memories connected with ...

- a food? _____
- b the beach? _____
- c a time they felt unhappy? _____
- d a time they felt happy? _____
- e a special day or event? _____

4 With a partner, write three questions about the text. Then ask your questions to your classmates.

5 Think of a special memory from your childhood connected with one of the following. Write notes.

food	friends	a vacation	a birthday	the beach	a party
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6 Make a group and share your memories.



1 Look again at the blog. Circle the correct words to complete the sentences.

- a Stephen *enjoyed* / *didn't enjoy* family vacations when he was young.
- b He was *surprised* / *wasn't surprised* by the memories from his childhood.
- c Carla found the family walks very *easy* / *tiring*.
- d Carla *liked* / *didn't like* the soup her mother made.
- e Ricardo's sister is probably *younger* / *older* than him.
- f The weather in Australia is *hot and sunny* / *cold and wet* in December.

2 Read this text. Then check (✓) which statements you can infer.

Zeynep

I remember when I was seven years old. There was a girl named Zeynep in my English class. I often sat next to her because I wanted to speak to her, but I was too nervous. I remember one day she asked to use my pen. I gave her my pen and said she could keep it. Then she held my hand. It was the happiest moment of my life!

Aslan, Turkey



- a ☐ Zeynep was about the same age as Aslan.
- b ☐ Zeynep and Aslan are friends today.
- c ☐ Aslan was shy when he was seven.
- d ☐ Zeynep was good at English.
- e ☐ Aslan liked Zeynep.

3 Look at these common sayings about childhood. What do you think each saying means? Discuss your ideas with a partner.

“Children should be seen and not heard.”

“Spare the rod and spoil the child.”

“Youth is wasted on the young.”

Spotlight on grammar: Articles

Study the examples, and then choose the best answer to complete each sentence.

(definite <i>the</i>)	I remember going for long walks in the countryside.
(indefinite <i>a/an</i>)	They had a barbecue on Christmas Day every year.
(zero)	We always went on vacation for two weeks in August.

- 1** Tim remembers _____ best music teacher in high school.

a the
b a
c —
d an

- 2** I really liked to play _____ soccer when I was young.

a a
b —
c the
d an

- 3** Johan can never forget learning to play _____ violin as a child. He hated it!

a —
b a
c an
d the

- 4** We always went swimming in _____ ocean before we went to bed.

a a
b the
c —
d an

- 5** We all enjoyed our trip to Europe. It was _____ great experience.

a the
b —
c an
d a

- 6** My family lived in _____ Thailand until 2002, so I grew up there.

a an
b a
c —
d the

- 7** I thought Bangkok was _____ interesting city to live in.

a the
b a
c —
d an

- 8** Probably _____ happiest time in my life was when I was in elementary school.

a —
b a
c the
d an

Talk about it

- 1** Think about a special place you remember from your childhood. Write notes.

Where do you remember? → How old were you when you went there? →

What did you do there? → Why do you remember this place? →

Do you still go there now?

- 2** Interview a partner.

Unit 8 Growing up in another culture

KEY READING SKILL SKIMMING

KEY VOCABULARY SKILL PREFIXES

Focus

Look at these pictures and read the information.

Some people have two home countries – the country where they were born, and the country where they grew up. Two home countries, two cultures ... twice the fun?



Did you know ...?

- As many as six million Americans may live abroad.
- Approximately 25 per cent of people living in Australia were born in another country.



Think about it

1 Read these statements. Check (✓) your opinions.

Children who grow up in a foreign country ...

- | | Agree | Disagree |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a have an interesting and fun time. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b can learn languages more easily. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c find it more difficult to make friends. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d are more independent when they are adults. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e often don't know where "home" is. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2 Make a group and compare your opinions.



1 Match each prefix on the left with a word on the right.

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|----------|---------------|
| a in- | 1 comfortable |
| b un- | 2 cultural |
| c multi- | 3 correct |
| d inter- | 4 happy |
| e un- | 5 paid |
| f un- | 6 national |

2 Complete this text with the new words above.

Third culture kids

Third culture kids (or “TCKs”) is a term first used by researcher Dr. Ruth Hill Useem. It is used to describe children who are born in one country but grow up in a different country. Often, this is because their parents work abroad. As worldwide travel becomes easier, there are more and more TCKs. These children have ^a _____ childhoods – they combine their parents’ culture with the culture of the country they grow up in to make a third culture. That is why they’re called “third culture kids.”

Research from Useem and others shows that as adults, some TCKs feel ^b _____ in every country they live in because no place feels like “home.” It is ^c _____, however, to think that TCKs are ^d _____ people. Most adult TCKs think they can understand people well. They often make friends easily, wherever they go. Many get high qualifications and have good jobs. They often help in their local communities, working ^e _____ as volunteers in their free time. TCKs are also very ^f _____. They know a lot about other cultures. A lot of TCKs keep in contact with people in different countries. Many also speak one or more foreign languages.

Predicting

You’re going to read about the experiences of three TCKs. With a partner, guess each person’s story.

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|------------------|--|
| a Tomona Ishii | 1 left Turkey at age five to live in Germany. |
| b Trisha Harding | 2 has a Japanese father and an Indian mother. |
| c Ahmet Alper | 3 was born in Africa and lived there until she was 15. |

Reading fluently



Read the text quickly. Time yourself, and record your time in the chart on page 6.

I lived the first 15 years of my life in Kenya. My parents worked there as teachers in a small town. They're both from Los Angeles, so when we returned to the U.S., we lived there. This was a pretty difficult time for me. In Kenya, everyone knew who I was – I was a foreigner. In Los Angeles, because I looked like everyone else, people thought I was the same as them. But I wasn't. I was different. I had different experiences, and so I couldn't really connect with people. I'm proud to be American, but sometimes I really miss Africa. **Trisha Harding**

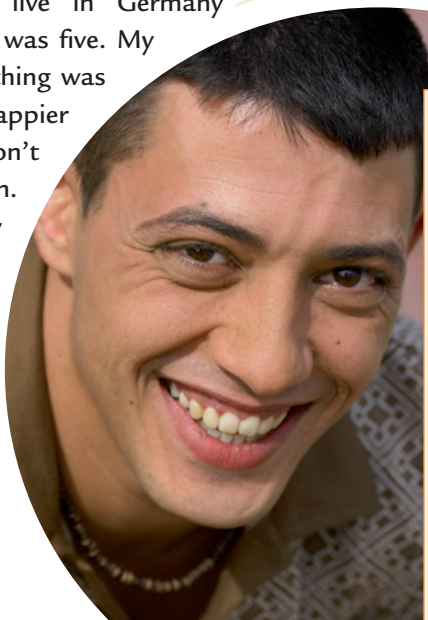


Where are you from?

My name is Tomona Ishii. My father is Japanese and my mother is from India. I was born in Japan. I really enjoy my life in the U.K. I play a Japanese musical instrument called "koto." Of course, I can speak Japanese (but English is easier!). Sometimes I visit India to see my mother's family. There are many languages in India. My mother's language is Bengali. I can speak a little Bengali. I like to watch Indian movies. I'm also very interested in Indian design and embroidery. I'm 17 now. Life is getting harder. I'm thinking about my future. I want to go to university, but I don't know which country to go to. I love them both!

Tomona Ishii

My parents came to live in Germany ten years ago, when I was five. My father got a job here. Everything was very weird at first. I was happier after I started school. We don't go back to Turkey very often. I always thought of Turkey as my "home" because I was born there. But now, I think Germany is my home. I speak German and all my friends are here. I can't really remember my life before I came here. So perhaps I am German! **Ahmet Alper**



proud *adj* ★

feeling happy about your achievements, your possessions, or people who you are connected with

miss *verb* ★★★

to feel sad because someone is not with you any longer, or because you do not have or cannot do something any longer

weird *adj*

strange and unusual

embroidery *noun*

a design of coloured stitches on cloth, or the activity of decorating cloth in this way

Understanding the text

1 Complete the chart.

	parents' nationality	was born in ...	now lives in ...
Trisha	_____	_____	_____
Tomona	_____	_____	_____
Ahmet	_____	_____	_____

2 Choose the correct answer to each question.

- a How old is Ahmet?
1 ten 2 fourteen 3 fifteen 4 eighteen
- b How many languages can Tomona speak?
1 one 2 two 3 three 4 four
- c What problem did Trisha have when she returned to the United States?
1 She missed her friends. 3 The weather was too cold.
2 She found it hard to make friends. 4 She couldn't find a job.
- d Where does Ahmet feel is "home"?
1 Germany 2 Turkey 3 both Germany and Turkey 4 he isn't sure
- e Where does Tomona want to live in the future?
1 India 2 Japan 3 England 4 she isn't sure

3 Complete these sentences.

- a _____'s parents were teachers.
- b "Koto" is a _____.
- c Ahmet moved to Germany when he was _____ years old.
- d Tomona sometimes visits _____ to see her relatives.
- e Trisha grew up in a small _____ in Africa.

4 Write T (true), F (false), or N (not in the text) for each statement.

- a Trisha was a teenager when she moved to the U.S. _____
- b Ahmet has a lot of friends in Turkey. _____
- c Tomona thinks Bengali is an easy language to learn. _____
- d Trisha works as a teacher. _____
- e Ahmet sees his relatives in Turkey every year. _____

5 Close your book. What can you remember about each person? Tell a partner.



Quickly skim this text. Then immediately answer the questions. Do not look back at the text. You have one minute.

Growing up Chinese-Canadian

I am Chinese, but I live in Canada. I came to Vancouver with my husband five years ago. We live in an area called Richmond. Many Asian people, and especially Chinese, live here. I like my life in Canada, but I am also proud to be Chinese. When I had a son last year, I needed to think of a name for him. Most of my Chinese friends gave their children English names. They said a Chinese name would cause problems for my son in the future. I don't agree. I think we have to keep our culture alive. I want my son to have a Chinese name, and to learn to speak and read Chinese, too. I want him to know Chinese culture. Some Chinese people born in Canada can't speak Chinese. I think this is wrong. I want to teach my son the language and culture of China – then he will be proud of being Chinese. Yes, we live in Canada and we're happy here. But we are still Chinese in our hearts! We must not lose that.



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|---|---|
| <p>a The writer ...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 lives in China. 2 lives in Canada. | <p>c She wants to ...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 stay in Canada. 2 return to China. |
| <p>b She wants her son to ...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 learn Chinese language and culture. 2 have an English name. | <p>d The woman feels ...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 she is Canadian. 2 she is Chinese. |

Spotlight on grammar: Time expressions

Study the examples, and then choose the best answer to complete each sentence.

Ahmet's family moved to Germany ten years **ago**.
Last year, Tomona went to India to visit her relatives.
We were in Australia **in** the 1990s.
I lived in Mexico **for** two years when I was younger.

1 Every year _____ June we went to the U.S. on vacation.

- a** on **c** in
b at **d** by

2 James is going to live in South America. He's leaving _____ Friday.

- a** in **c** to
b at **d** on

3 Carmen grew up in Taiwan, but she returned to Spain _____ year to see her relatives.

- a** at last **c** the next
b every **d** on this

4 I think Hiroshi lived in Africa _____ the late 1980s.

- a** at **c** in
b on **d** by

5 My friend Martin went to Australia with his family five years _____.

- a** before **c** last
b in 2005 **d** ago

6 My sister and I lived in Peru _____ three years when we were younger.

- a** in **c** for
b last **d** at

7 Raul visited his grandparents in Chile _____ winter.

- a** on **c** since
b last **d** from

8 Dan said he grew up in India. He was there _____ 2001 to 2007.

- a** in **c** for
b from **d** at

Talk about it

1 Ask and answer these questions with a partner.

Would you like to live in another country?

What are the problems of growing up in another culture?

Do you think people should follow the culture of the country they live in?

2 Make a group and compare your answers.

Extension

Choose the best answers to complete the text.

I remember growing up in Kuala Lumpur as a child. We went there when I was seven because of my father's job. He was a manager and ¹ _____ company he worked for often sent him abroad.

He had four weeks' vacation ² _____ year, so we often went sightseeing around Asia. I remember thinking it was ³ _____ exciting time. These days, I still have a very ⁴ _____ life. I enjoy ⁵ _____ a lot. I like to visit different countries and experience the local ⁶ _____ Living in Malaysia, however, is still my most ⁷ _____ experience. I'm going back there ⁸ _____ March, to see some old friends. I can't wait!

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| 1 a a | b an | c — | d the |
| 2 a for | b every | c last | d in |
| 3 a the | b an | c — | d a |
| 4 a worldwide | b foreign | c international | d overseas |
| 5 a trip | b travel | c voyage | d journey |
| 6 a culture | b cultural | c cultured | d culturally |
| 7 a memory | b memorable | c memorize | d memories |
| 8 a in | b on | c at | d by |



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