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- 1.close but no cigar
- 2.let the buyer beware
- 3.many hands make light work
- 4.no news is good news
- 5.birds of a feather flock together
- 6.just what the doctor ordered
- 7.the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak
- 8.strike while the iron is hot
- 9.the more the merrier
- 10.if at first you don't succeed try try again
- 11.money is no object
- 12.first time for everything
- 13.spare the rod and spoil the child
- 14.all that glitters is not gold
- 15.confession is good for the soul
- 16.flattery will get you nowhere
- 17.pride comes before a fall
- 18.the thought that counts

# Good memories

- ▶ Ask questions to get to know people
- ▶ Discuss childhoods

## 1 SNAPSHOT



MyNeighbors

**Isabel Austin**  
Lakewood

About

- Hometown:** Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.
- Employer:** Lancaster Medical Center
- Interests:** I like to go to the movies and play video games. I also enjoy meeting people and cooking for friends.
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MyNeighbors

**Nicolás Rodríguez**  
Lakewood

About

- Hometown:** Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Employer:** Lakewood Recreation Center
- Interests:** I love skiing, swimming, camping – anything outdoors. Right now, I'm learning to skateboard.
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*Nicolás and Isabel are neighbors. Do you think they could be friends?  
What social media sites do you belong to? Which one is your favorite?  
Create your own online profile and share it with your classmates. What things do you have in common?*

## 2 CONVERSATION Where did you learn to skateboard?

### A Listen and practice.

- Isabel:** Oh, I'm really sorry. Are you OK?  
**Nico:** I'm fine. But I'm not very good at this.  
**Isabel:** Neither am I . . . Hey, I like your shirt. Are you from Argentina?  
**Nico:** Yes, I am, originally. I was born there.  
**Isabel:** Did you grow up there?  
**Nico:** Yes, I did, but my family moved here 10 years ago, when I was in middle school.  
**Isabel:** And where did you learn to skateboard?  
**Nico:** Here in the park. I only started about a month ago.  
**Isabel:** Well, it's my *first* time. Can you give me some lessons?  
**Nico:** Sure. Just follow me.  
**Isabel:** By the way, my name is Isabel.  
**Nico:** And I'm Nico. Nice to meet you.



### B Listen to the rest of the conversation. What are two more things you learn about Isabel?



### 3 GRAMMAR FOCUS

#### ▶ Past tense

Where **were** you born?

I **was** born in Argentina.

**Were** you born in Buenos Aires?

Yes, I **was**.

No, I **wasn't**. I **was** born in Córdoba.

When **did** you **move** to Los Angeles?

I **moved** here 10 years ago. I **didn't speak** English.

**Did** you **take** English classes in Argentina?

Yes, I **did**. I **took** classes for a year.

No, I **didn't**. My aunt **taught** me at home.

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**A** Complete these conversations. Then practice with a partner.

1. **A:** Your English is very good. When \_\_\_\_\_ you begin to study English?

**B:** I \_\_\_\_\_ in middle school.

**A:** What \_\_\_\_\_ you think of English class at first?

**B:** I \_\_\_\_\_ it was a little difficult, but fun.

2. **A:** Where \_\_\_\_\_ you born?

**B:** I \_\_\_\_\_ born in Mexico.

**A:** \_\_\_\_\_ you grow up there?

**B:** No, I \_\_\_\_\_ . I \_\_\_\_\_ up in Canada.

3. **A:** Where \_\_\_\_\_ you meet your best friend?

**B:** We \_\_\_\_\_ in high school.

**A:** Do you still see each other?

**B:** Yes, but not very often. She \_\_\_\_\_ to South Korea two years ago.

4. **A:** \_\_\_\_\_ you have a favorite teacher when you \_\_\_\_\_ a child?

**B:** Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_ a very good teacher named Mr. Potter.

**A:** What \_\_\_\_\_ he teach?

**B:** He \_\_\_\_\_ math.

**B PAIR WORK** Take turns asking the questions in part A. Give your own information when answering.

### 4 LISTENING Why did you move?

▶ **A** Listen to interviews with two immigrants to the United States. Why did they move to the U.S.A.?

▶ **B** Listen again and complete the chart.

	Enrique	Jessica
1. What were the most difficult changes?		
2. What do they miss the most?		

**C GROUP WORK** Enrique and Jessica talk about difficult changes. What could be some positive things about moving to a city like New York?

## 5 SPEAKING Tell me about yourself.

**A PAIR WORK** Check (✓) six questions below and add your own questions. Then interview a classmate you don't know very well. Ask follow-up questions.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Where were your grandparents born?              | <input type="checkbox"/> When did you first study English?              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Where did they grow up?                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Can you speak other languages?                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Did you see them a lot when you were young?     | <input type="checkbox"/> What were your best subjects in middle school? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Who's your favorite relative? (Why?) | <input type="checkbox"/> What subjects didn't you like?                 |

**A:** Where were your grandparents born?

**B:** My grandfather was born in Brazil, but my grandmother was born in Colombia.

**A:** Really? Where did they first meet?

### useful expressions

Oh, that's interesting.

Really? Me, too!

Wow! Tell me more.

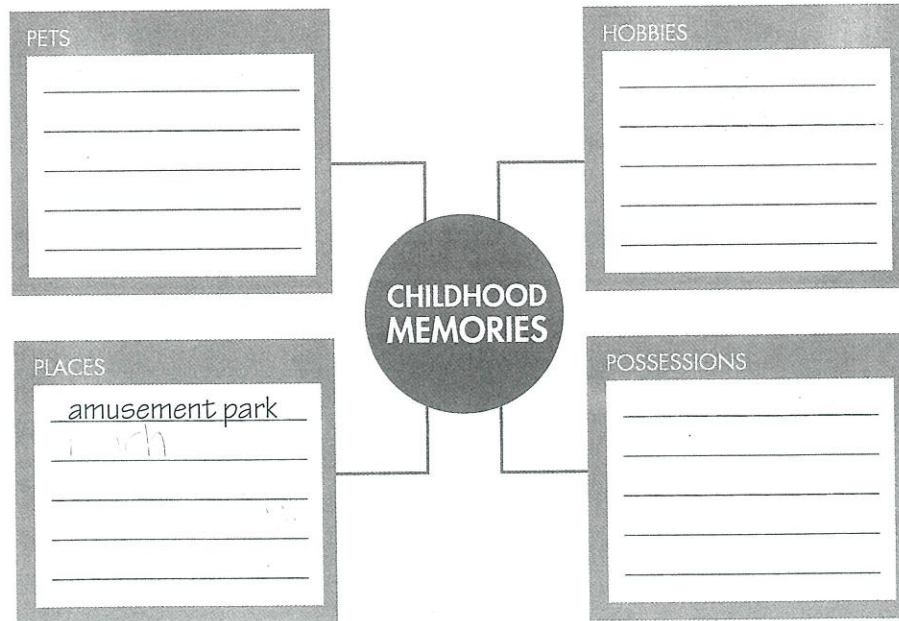
**B GROUP WORK** Tell the group what you learned about your partner. Then answer any questions.

"Vera's grandfather was born in Brazil, but her grandmother was born in . . ."

## 6 WORD POWER

**A** Complete the word map. Add two more words of your own to each category. Then compare with a partner.

- ✓
- ✓ amusement park
  - beach
  - cat
  - collect comic books
  - fish
  - play video games
  - playground
  - stickers
  - teddy bear
  - toy cars
  - turtle
  - watch cartoons



**B PAIR WORK** Choose three words from the word map and use them to describe some of your childhood memories.

**A:** I loved to watch cartoons when I was a kid.

**B:** Me, too. What was your favorite?

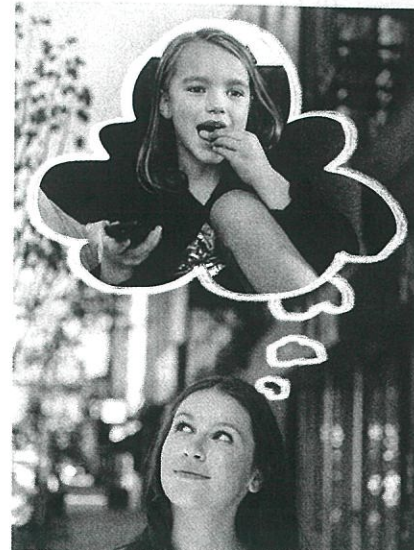
**A:** I liked anything with superheroes in it. What about you?



## 7 PERSPECTIVES When I was a kid . . .

▶ A Listen to these statements about changes. Check (✓) those that are true about you.

1. "When I was a kid, I never used to play sports, but now I like to keep fit."
2. "I used to go out with friends a lot, but now I don't have any free time."
3. "When I was younger, I didn't use to collect anything, but now I do."
4. "I didn't use to be a good student, but now I love to study and learn new things."
5. "I never used to follow politics, but now I read the news online every morning."
6. "I used to be really neat and organized, but now I'm very messy."
7. "I used to care a lot about my appearance. Now, I'm too busy to care about how I look."



B PAIR WORK Look at the statements again. Which changes are positive? Which are negative?

"I think the first one is a positive change. It's good to exercise."

## 8 GRAMMAR FOCUS

▶ Used to

**Used to** refers to something that you regularly did in the past but don't do anymore.

Did you **use to** collect things?

Yes, I **used to** collect comic books.

No, I **didn't use to** collect anything, but now I collect old records.

What sports **did** you **use to** play?

I **used to play** baseball and volleyball.

I **never used to** play sports, but now I play tennis.

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A Complete these questions and answers. Then compare with a partner.

1. A: Did you use to have any pets when you were a kid?  
B: Yes, I                      have a white cat named Snowball.
2. A:                      you and your classmates                      play together after school?  
B: No, we                      play during the week. We                      study a lot.
3. A: What music                      you                      listen to?  
B: I                      listen to rock a lot. Actually, I still do.
4. A: What hobbies                      you                      have when you were little?  
B: I                      have any hobbies, but now I play chess every week.

B How have you changed? Write sentences about yourself using *used to* or *didn't use to*. Then compare with a partner. Who has changed the most?

your hairstyle    your taste in music  
your hobbies    the way you dress

I *used to* wear my hair much longer.

I *didn't use to* have a beard.

# Call Me

Answer these questions

1. Where were you born?

2. Where did you grow up?

3. Where did you go to High School?

4. Where were your grandparents born?

5. When did you first study English?

6. What were your favorite subjects in High School?

Were there any subjects you didn't like?

7. What's your favorite childhood memory?

When I was (how old) I .....

8. Used to (something you did before but DON'T do anymore)

(3 sentences)

a. Games (For example: I used to play hide and seek)

b. Appearance (For example: I used to wear glasses)

c. Possessions (For example: I used to collect baseball cards)