

# Conv. 4

# ME Answers

Complete these sentences with the correct idiom(s)

1. My grandfather's kind of long in the tooth, so he lives in a silver town now.
2. I didn't shave for 2 days, so I have 5 o'clock shadow now.
3. I went to a bar, because I felt like drowning my sorrows after breaking up with my girlfriend.
4. The teacher was sick today, so somebody else filled in for her.
5. He gave a great sales pitch, so I bought all the roses he had.
6. A: Hey Severn! What's going on with you?  
B: Oh, not much. I'm just busy teaching my classes and reading my books.
7. A: What do you think of the Netflix drama "My Name"?  
B: Well, on the whole it's pretty good, but it's also pretty violent.
8. A: What's your plan this weekend?  
B: I need to buy some food and some other odds and ends.
9. A: How long have you been dating IU?  
B: Well, on again, off again for about 3 years. We broke up for a short time, but then got back together again.
10. From all accounts Severn's a really nice guy. ^o^
- ~~11.~~ That man was lying \_\_\_\_\_ on the ground.
12. Most poor people have to do the dirty work in today's world.
13. My Mom took issue with my new hairstyle. She thought I looked really strange.
14. My teacher thinks I could be a great writer. That really gave me some food for thought. Maybe I should try writing more.
15. A: Is the covid-19 vaccine 100% safe?  
B: Well, the answer to that is not cut and dried. It's safe for most people, but some people may have bad reactions to the vaccine.

a. sales pitch

b. took issue with

c. going on

d. cut and dried

e. dirty work

f. drowning my sorrows

~~g. face down~~

h. filled in for

i. 5 o'clock shadow

j. food for thought

k. from all accounts

l. long in the tooth

m. odds and ends

n. on again, off again

o. on the whole

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Write the meanings for these idioms in English

([www.onlineslangdictionary.com](http://www.onlineslangdictionary.com))

1. chew out (chastise)
2. dude (man)
3. dialed in (to be very good at)
4. fix to (plan to)
5. cold one (beer)
6. make up (resolve an issue after a fight)
7. in sync (in agreement or harmony)
8. sick of (tired of)
9. so and so (an unnamed person)
10. pitch in (to help out)
11. posse (#2) (your close friends)
12. cover (#2) (song played by another singer or group)
13. landline (home phone)
14. Turkey Day (Thanksgiving Day in the U.S.)
15. with a passion (strongly)
16. w/o (without)

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## The way we were

Expressing habit • *used to do/be used to doing*  
 Homonyms and homophones • Making your point

STARTER

Match a line in A with a line in B. Underline the words that express habit. Which are past and which are present?

Choose the correct ending for these sentences.

He used to work hard because he's a farmer.  
 He's used to working hard but now he's retired.

A	B
1 A reliable friend	a my dad would read me a story at bedtime.
2 In the 1970s, people	b are always talking about themselves.
3 I think my sister's in love.	c will never let you down.
4 When I was a kid,	d She'll spend hours staring into space.
5 My first girlfriend was Alice.	e used to wear bell bottoms.
6 Big-headed people	f We used to go to the movies on Friday, and then we'd go for a pizza afterwards.

### GETTING BACK IN TOUCH

#### Expressing habit

1 Do you keep in touch with people from your past? Have you lost touch with any really good old friends? How can you get back in touch?

2 Read the message from Alison to an old friend from school. Complete it with the lines a-l.


- a used to sit
- b 'd get
- c got
- d 's always talking
- e used to go
- f 'd go
- g went
- h was
- i used to call
- j used to calling
- k were always giggling
- l 'll always end up

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3 Which actions in the message happened again and again? Which only happened once?

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Search for people, places and things



Alison Wright

7:35pm

Dear Emily,

I hope you don't mind me contacting you out of the blue like this. It's taken me a while to track you down, but now I have, thanks to the wonders of social media!

I don't know if you remember, but we <sup>1</sup> e to Springfield High School together. You were the first person I <sup>2</sup> c to know when I started there.

We <sup>3</sup> a next to each other in math class, but then the teacher made us sit apart because we <sup>4</sup> k so much.

I remember we <sup>5</sup> f back to your house after school every day and listen to music for hours on end. We <sup>6</sup> b all the Guns N' Roses CDs as soon as they came out. Once, we ate all the food in your fridge and your mother <sup>7</sup> l furious.

Do you remember that time we nearly blew up the science lab? The teacher <sup>8</sup> w crazy, but it wasn't our fault. We <sup>9</sup> i him Homer Simpson because he was small, fat, and bald.

I still see Tiffany, and she's still as crazy as ever. We get together every now and then, and we <sup>10</sup> j chatting about old times. She <sup>11</sup> d about a high-school reunion. So if you're interested, drop me a line.

Looking forward to hearing from you. I'd love to know how you're doing.

Your old friend,  
 Alison Wright

PS I'm not <sup>12</sup> g you Emily Rider! To me, you're still Emily Wilson!

4 Look at these two sentences.

We used to go to school together ...  
We'd go back to your house ...

Which sentence is more factual?  
Which is more nostalgic?

5 Match a line in A with a line in B. Practice saying them. Pay attention to contracted forms and weak forms.

A

We used to go  
We used to sit +  
We were always giggling  
We'd go back +  
We used to call  
I'm not used to calling

B

him Homer Simpson.  
to school together.  
you Emily Rider.  
so much.  
to your house.  
next to each other.

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## GRAMMAR SPOT

1 Look at the sentences that express present habit.

- a My sister **works** in a bank.
- b She's **always borrowing** my clothes without asking me.
- c She'll **go out** on a Friday night and **won't be back** till late.

Which sentence expresses ...

- my attitude toward this habit of hers? (I find it annoying.)
- a simple fact about her?
- characteristic behavior? (This is typical of her.)

2 Put sentences a-c into the past. Express sentence a in two ways.

3 Look at these sentences.

- a I've lived next to the airport for years, so I'm **used to** the noise.
- b I **used to** live in Rome, but now I live in Paris.
- c I'm **getting used to** traveling on the Metro.

In which sentence is *used* a verb? In which is *used* an adjective?

Which sentence expresses ...

- a past habit now finished?
- a situation that is familiar, and no longer strange?
- a situation that is still strange, but becoming easier?

▶▶ Grammar Reference p. 146

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## PRACTICE

What's she like?

1 Choose an adjective from the box to describe the people in the sentences.

easygoing	clumsy	stingy	absent-minded
argumentative	sensitive	sensible	stubborn

- 1 He's always losing things or forgetting where he's put thi <sup>(absent-minded)</sup>
- 2 She'll always cry at the end of a sad movie. <sup>(sensitive)</sup>
- 3 Nothing ever upsets her, annoys her, or worries her. <sup>(easygoing)</sup>
- 4 I'm always dropping things or bumping into things. <sup>(clumsy)</sup>
- 5 She's ruled by her head and not her heart. She'll always t things through before she acts. <sup>(sensible)</sup>
- 6 He just won't listen to anyone else's suggestions. <sup>(stubborn)</sup>
- 7 I remember Dave. He'd never leave a tip at restaurants. <sup>(stingy)</sup>
- 8 And he'd pick a fight with anyone about anything. <sup>(argumentative)</sup>

2 Add similar sentences to support these statements.

- 1 My roommate is the messiest person in the whole world
- 2 My boyfriend is insanely jealous.
- 3 Marc is just the coolest guy I know.
- 4 My mother really gets on my nerves.
- 5 But my grandma was so sweet.
- 6 My dog Bruno was my best friend.
- 7 Your problem is that you're self-centered.
- 8 My sister's so nosy.



This is us in 1994. I can't believe how young we look!

# Conv 4

What's the homophone for these words?  
(For example: deer...dear)

1. beat beet
2. doe dough
3. hole whole
4. bear bare
5. to  
a. too  
b. two
6. piece peace
7. wore war
8. right rite
9. break brake
10. buy bye
11. cell sell
12. sea see
13. I'll  
a. isle  
b. aisle
14. bore boar
15. seen scene
16. sun son
17. tail tale
18. some sum
19. ant ant
20. ate eight
21. blue blew
22. new knew
23. you ewe
24. flour flower
25. our hour
26. made maid
27. plane plain
28. red read
29. steal steel
30. waste waist

Unit 9

# 9

## The way we were

Expressing habit • *get* and *be* • Homonyms and homophones  
• Phrasal verbs and nouns that go together • Weak and strong forms

### Present and past habit

#### 1 Present habit

Match a sentence in A with a sentence in B.

A	B
1 She's really generous.	a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 9 She <b>jogs</b> to work every day.
2 He's so disorganized.	b <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 8 They <b>get</b> everything they ask for.
3 She's very fashionable.	c <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7 She <b>never thinks</b> before she speaks.
4 He's so dishonest.	d <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 He <b>never plans</b> anything properly.
5 She's so sensitive.	e <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10 He's <b>always applying</b> for new jobs.
6 He's really stubborn.	f <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 He's <b>always telling</b> lies.
7 She's so rude.	g <input type="checkbox"/> 1 She's <b>always buying</b> me presents.
8 They're so spoiled.	h <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 She'll only <b>wear</b> designer clothes.
9 She's very energetic.	i <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 She'll <b>start</b> crying at the smallest thing.
10 He's very ambitious.	j <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 He <b>won't</b> ever <b>change</b> his mind.

- He doesn't help with the household chores.  
a \_\_\_\_\_
- My sister borrows my clothes without asking.  
a \_\_\_\_\_  
b \_\_\_\_\_
- My grandpa doesn't let anyone choose what's on TV.  
a \_\_\_\_\_
- My grandma gossips about the neighbors.  
a \_\_\_\_\_  
b \_\_\_\_\_
- Carole and Alan brag about their children.  
a \_\_\_\_\_  
b \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2 My family's bad habits

Rewrite the sentences in one or two ways using *will/won't* and/or the Present Continuous with *always*.

- My dad fixes his motorcycle in the living room.  
a \_\_\_\_\_  
b \_\_\_\_\_
- My brother leaves the top off the toothpaste.  
a \_\_\_\_\_  
b \_\_\_\_\_

