

1 Read about Frieda and her grandma.

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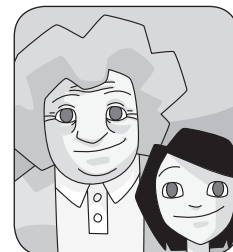
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Hi Michelle,

I visited Grandma yesterday. We're doing a project about the 1950s at school, and Grandma has told me lots of interesting things! Did you know the following?

- There were very few televisions in England in the 1950s. Grandma watched her first TV programme in 1959. It was in black and white, and she was very excited! They used to listen to the radio, play games and visit friends and family.
- They didn't have calculators or computers, so Grandma's very good at maths!
- Some people had cars, but Grandma's family didn't. They used to walk or take the bus.
- They didn't have big supermarkets or shopping malls. They used lots of small shops. They didn't have ready-made food. All their food was home-made.
- They had electricity, but they didn't have a fridge or a washing machine. They had to go shopping for food every day and do the washing by hand.
- Grandma used to make her own clothes. She says she will teach me to sew and knit.
- Most women didn't have jobs. They looked after the house and the children. Grandma says her family didn't have much money, but they were very happy.

Love from Frieda

**2 Complete the chart about life in the 1950s and now.**

Life in the 1950s	Life now
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3 Discuss with a partner and write.

1 How is Frieda helping her grandma? How is her grandma helping Frieda?

2 Think of someone old in your life. What is he / she good at? What can he / she teach you?
