

Writing

Holidays between the past and the present

Holidays in the past

- ① People used to spend their holidays at home nestling the warmth of the family and relatives.
- ② In the past people used to spend their holidays reading books, drinking tea and telling stories.
- ③ They used to devote themselves to giving a helping hand to their neighbors in times of need.
- ④ They would spend their holidays ploughing the fields , sowing seeds and watering the growing plants.

Holidays nowadays

- ① Nowadays people spend their holidays with their old friends; they meet to have fun and to cast their minds back to their heyday
- ② Spend their holidays practicing various activities like waterskiing ,sunbathing ,canoeing...
- ③ As life is getting harder, many people opt for taking a part time job to get some extra money.
- ④ Some people find it exciting to go abroad, so they fly to a foreign country to experience new traditions, new civilizations and cultures.
- ⑤ Devote their time to surfing the net and watching video games. Attend art shows and festivals

When we compare, we can use expressions such as:

Unlike in the past, people nowadays.....

In the past people used to.....whereas nowadays they.....

There is a far cry between the past and the present as in the past people used to.....

There is a world of difference between the past and the present as in the past people used to....

In the past people used to.....however nowadays they



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