

**USED TO**

**PAST TENSE**

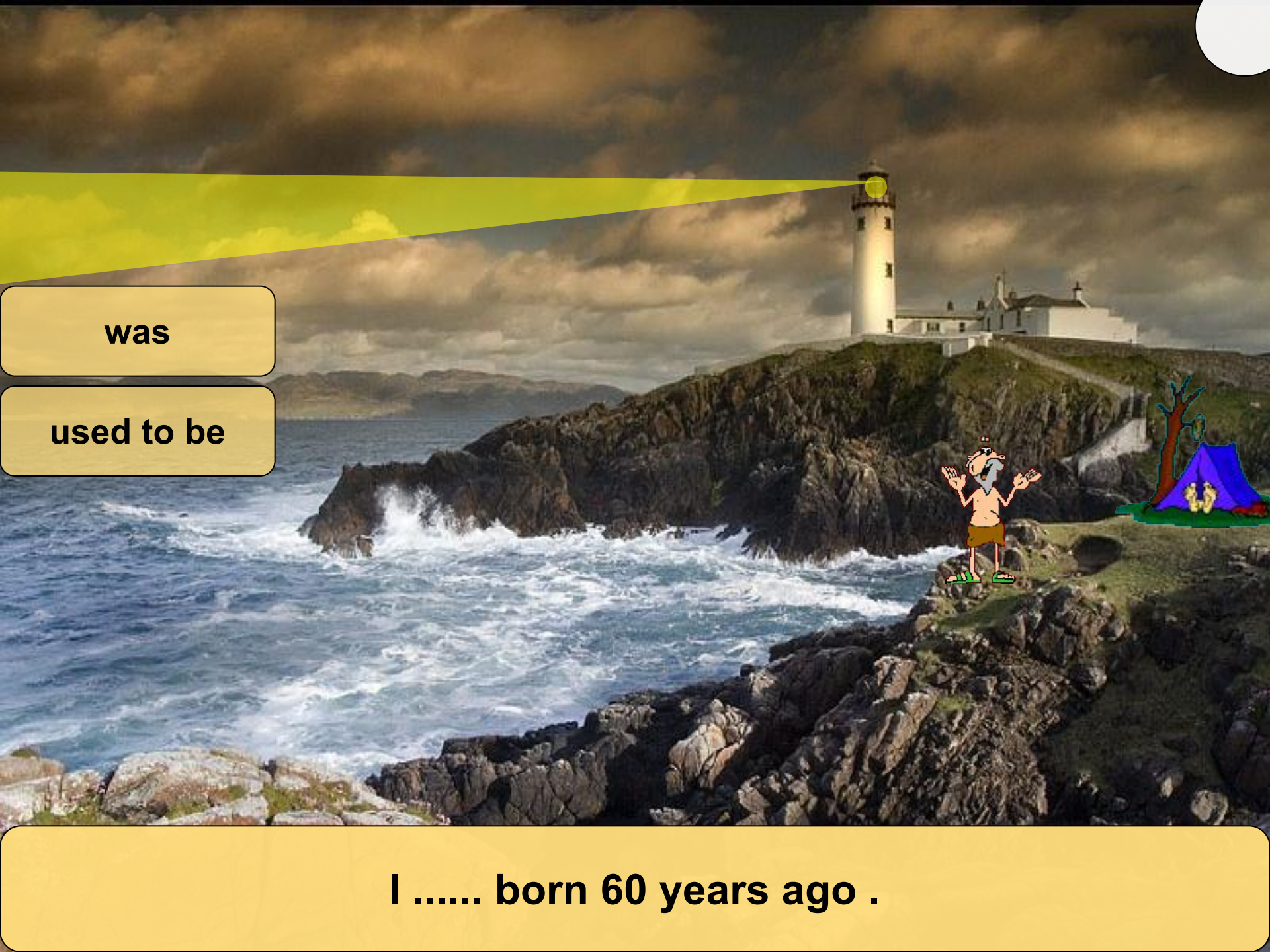


**Hi, I'm Robin. I'm a castaway. I'm going to tell you my life story.  
Can you help me with some sentences?  
Choose the correct and at the same time the better possibility.  
Well, lets start.**

**was**

**used to be**

**I ..... born 60 years ago .**





was

didn't use to  
be

My childhood ... not the best but not the worst .



**lived**

**used to live**

**I ...in America.**

A coastal scene featuring a white lighthouse on a cliff. In the foreground, a man in a brown shirt and shorts stands on a rock, gesturing with his hands. To his right, a blue tent is pitched on a grassy patch. The ocean is turbulent with white foam. A yellow beam of light from the top left points towards the lighthouse. Two yellow boxes on the left contain the text 'went' and 'used to go'. A yellow box at the bottom contains a sentence.

went

used to go

My dad was very strict and he ...to church a lot when I was young.



wanted

used to want

He ...me to go to church with him every Sunday .  
I had to wear a tie and a black suit.

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told

used to tell

My mum ...me: "You must always be a good boy!"



**hated**

**used to hate**

**I ... Sundays and I still do.**



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were playing

used to play

**While my friends... football, I was walking slowly back home from the church.**



turned

used to turn

When I ... 16, I started rebelling.



ran

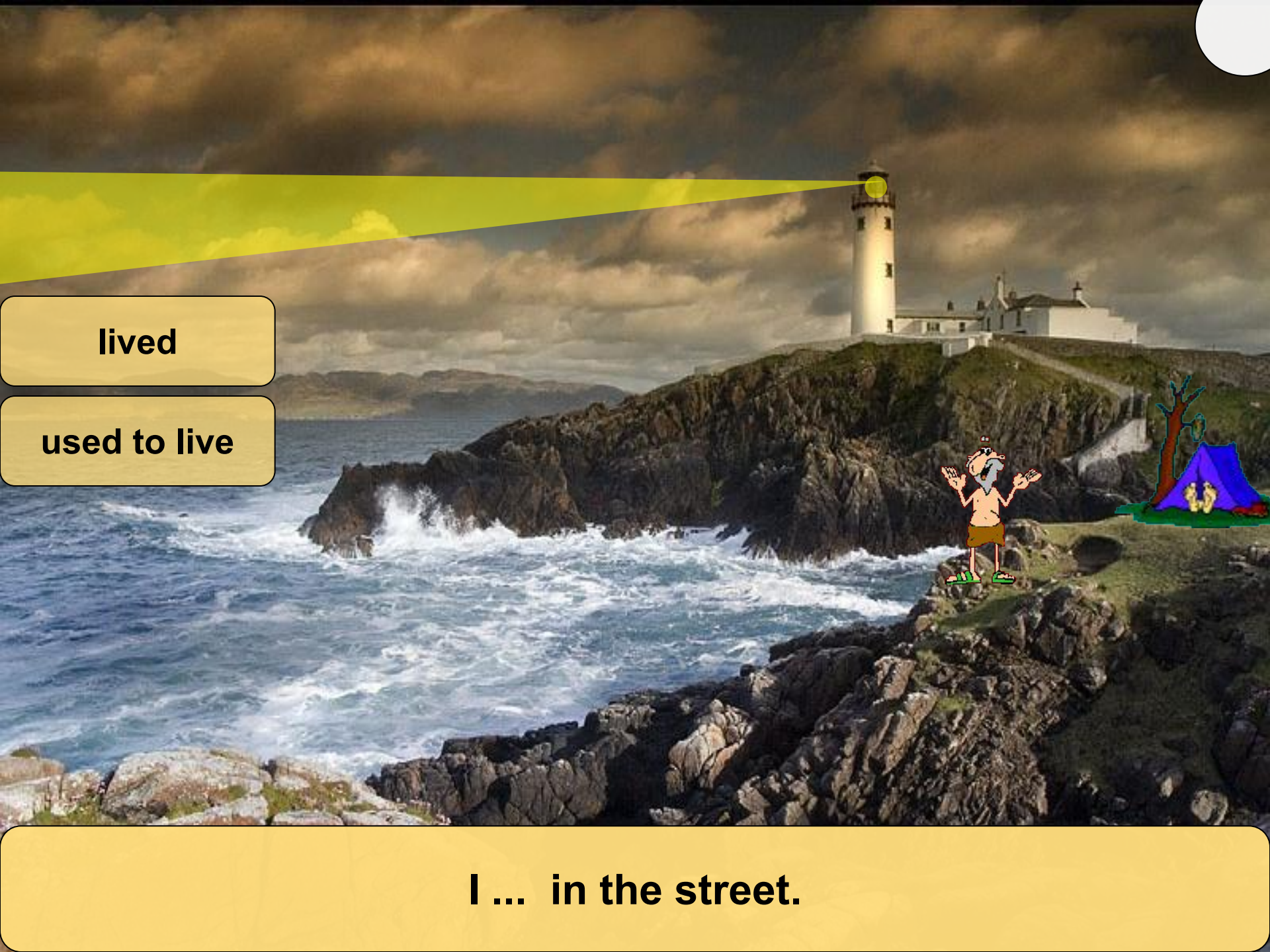
used to run

One Sunday I even ... away from home.

**lived**

**used to live**

**I ... in the street.**





met

used to meet

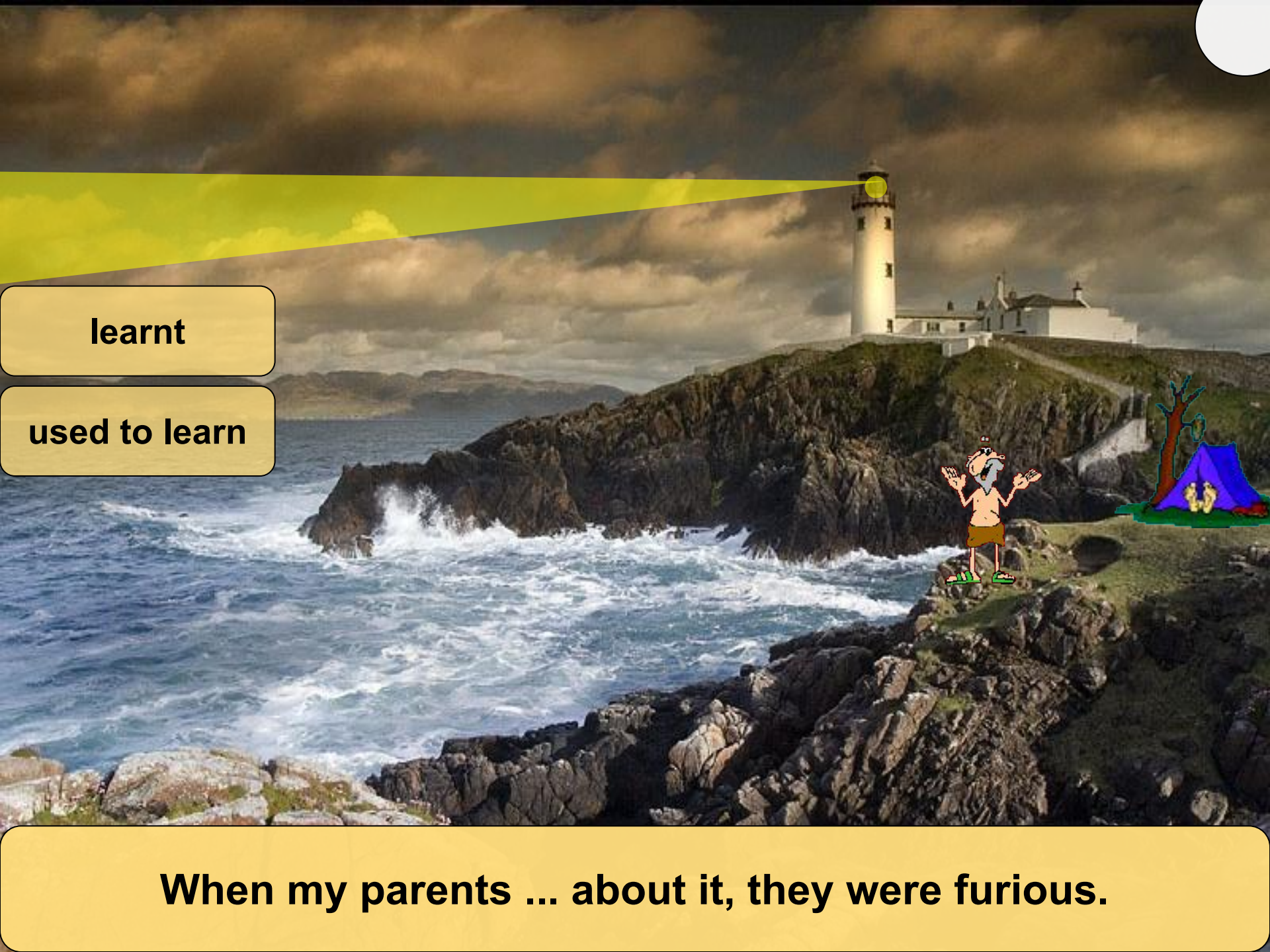
One evening I ...Kate. She was 4 years older than me.



got married

used to  
get married

**We... a week after we met.**



learnt

used to learn

When my parents ... about it, they were furious.



**worked**

**used to work**

**Kate had a small cafeteria where we both ... until we moved out of the city.**





**didn't  
like going out**

**didn't use to  
like going out**

**We ... in the evenings and we both loved nature.**



**sold**

**used to sell**

**We ...Kate's cafeteria and bought a nice, cosy house on the shore. Life was so great!**



**became**

**used to  
become**


**When you live in a house, there's always a lot of things to mend. So I ...really interested in construction work.**

A coastal scene featuring a white lighthouse on a cliff overlooking the ocean. In the foreground, a cartoon man in brown shorts and a red hat stands on a rock, gesturing with his hands. To his right, a blue tent is pitched on a small patch of grass. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark clouds, and a bright yellow beam of light shines from the lighthouse towards the left. Two yellow text boxes are overlaid on the left side of the image.

**set**

**used to set**

**Soon I ...my own building company, bought a land and started to build new houses there.**



**was born**

**used to be  
born**

**When my son ... ,we were the happiest family  
in the world.**



**travelled**

**used to travel**

**As my company was doing well, we ...a lot together.**



reconciled

used to  
reconcile

I ... with my parents and they came to see us very often,  
especially after our daughter was born.

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**worked**

**used to work**

**I ...even harder at that time to build a bigger house for my family. The house should have been something really special.**





**decided**

**used to  
decide**

**I needed a special kind of stone which couldn't be found in America. So I ... to go abroad and find it.**



hired

used to hire

I ... my best friend's ship every time  
when I went to other countries.



wasn't

didn't use to  
be

However, his ship ... big enough. So I had to hire another  
one.

A coastal scene featuring a white lighthouse on a cliff. In the foreground, a man in brown shorts and a red hat stands on a rock, gesturing with his hands. To his right is a blue tent and a tree. The sea is turbulent with white foam. A yellow beam of light from the lighthouse illuminates the man. Two yellow boxes on the left contain the words 'was' and 'used to be'. A large yellow box at the bottom contains a sentence.

was

used to be

I found the stone but on the way back, there... a terrible storm  
and the overloaded ship sank.

A photograph of a lighthouse on a rocky island. The lighthouse is white with a black top section and a yellow light. It is situated on a grassy hill overlooking the ocean. In the foreground, a cartoon man with a beard, wearing a brown loincloth and green sandals, stands on a rocky outcrop. To his right is a blue tent with a brown tree next to it. The sky is cloudy and grey. A yellow beam of light from the top left corner points towards the lighthouse. Two yellow rounded rectangular boxes are on the left side of the image, and a larger yellow rounded rectangular box is at the bottom.

had

used to have

I have been living on this island since then. I ... everything  
but now I have only the tent.



**saw**

**used to see**

**You may ask why I don't sleep in the lighthouse. Well, once I... a ghost of a cannibal there. He called himself Sunday!**



**were**

**used to be**

**I don't know anything about my family.  
I still remember how happy we ... .**

**BYE**

**Thanks for being with me.**



**Well, now you know my life story. I hope to leave this island one day.  
And remember: what doesn't kill you makes you stronger !**



# WHEN DO WE SAY “USED TO + INFINITIVE“?

**When we speak about a past and repeated activity  
( or state)  
that no longer occurs at the moment of speaking.**

For example:

**When I was young, I used to run 5 miles a day  
but now I just walk.(activity)**

**He used to be fat when he was a boy but now  
he weights only 60 kilos.(state)**



**Write 10 sentences about your childhood  
Use past tense and “used to + infinitive“.**

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