

**USED TO**

**PAST TENSE**



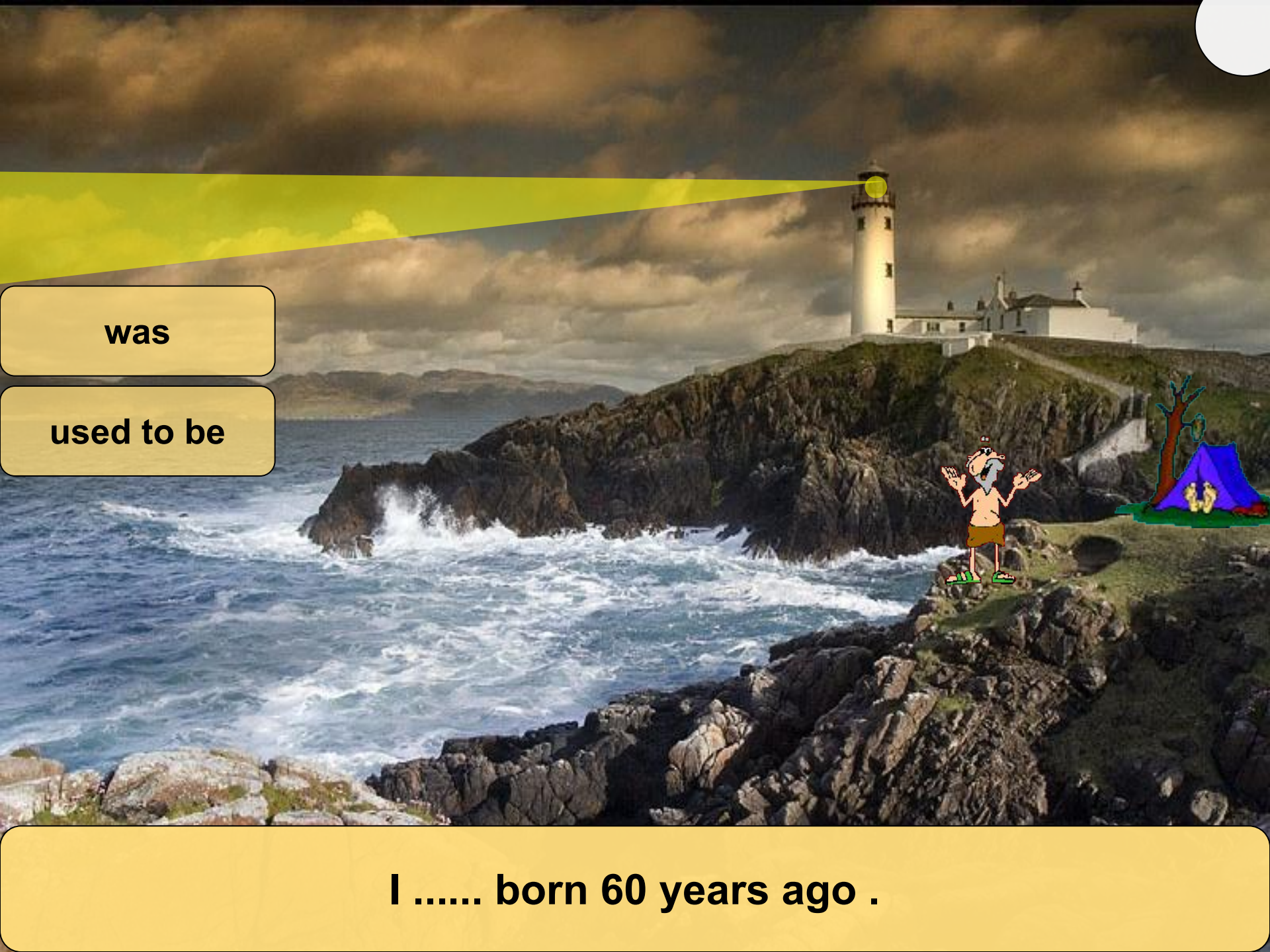
**Hi, I'm Robin. I'm a castaway. I'm going to tell you my life story.  
Can you help me with some sentences?  
Choose the correct and at the same time the better possibility.  
Well, lets start.**



**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.**





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.**



A coastal scene featuring a white lighthouse on a cliffside under a cloudy sky. In the foreground, a cartoon man with a beard and a blue tent are visible. A yellow beam of light points from the tent towards the lighthouse. Two yellow text boxes are on the left, and a large yellow text box is at the bottom.

**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

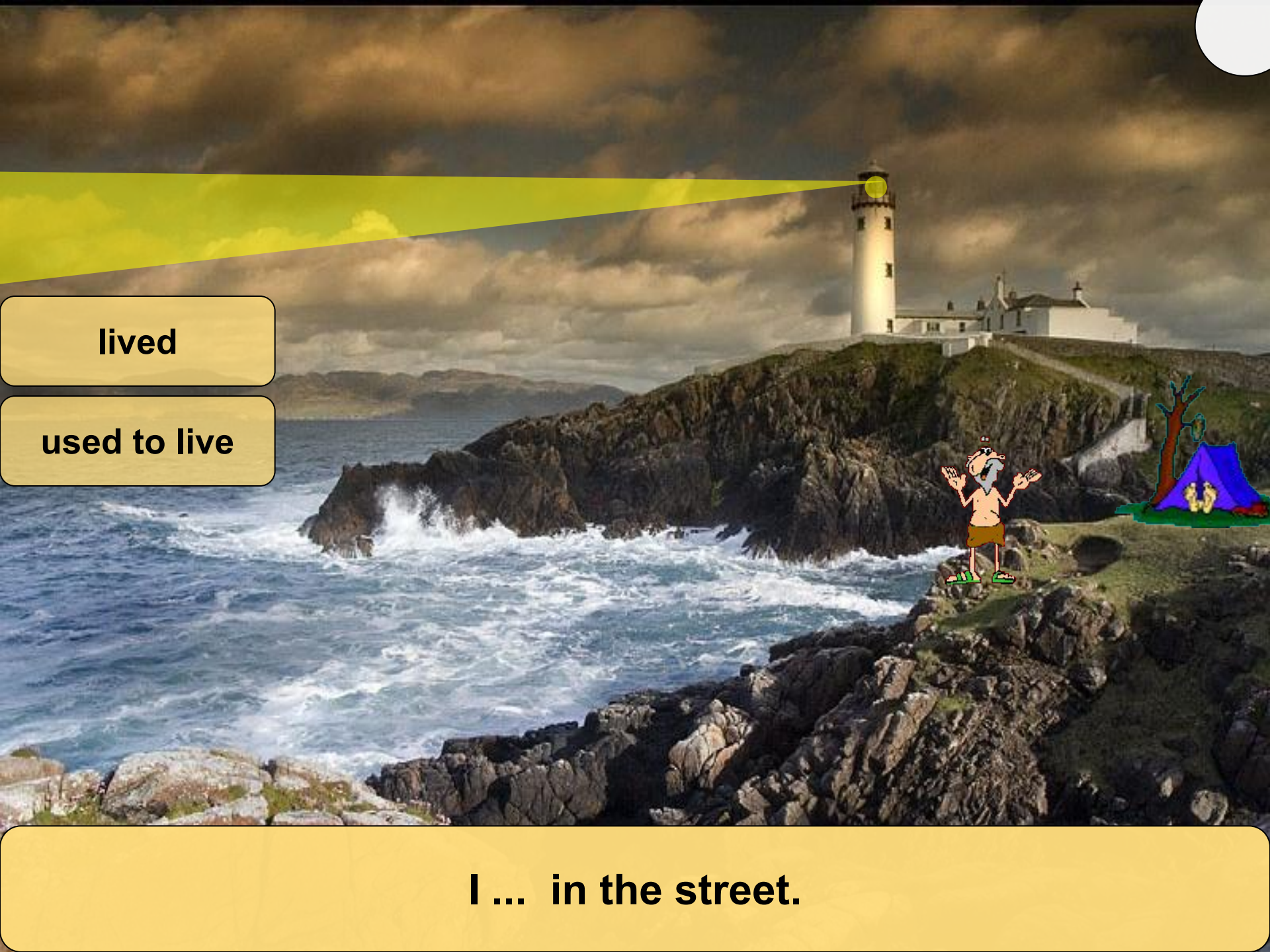
One Sunday I even ... away from home.



**lived**

**used to live**

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







met

used to meet

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



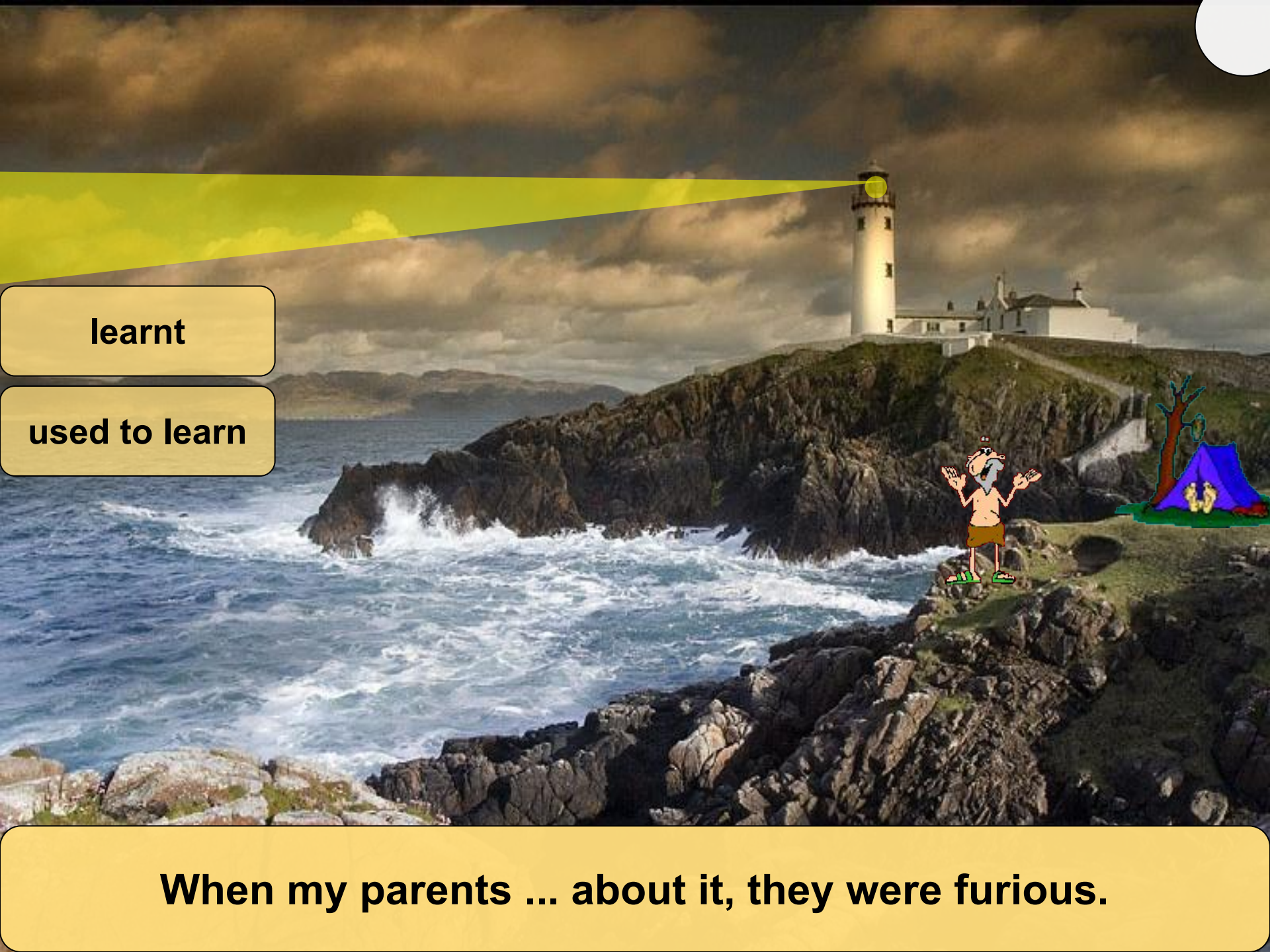


**got married**

**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.**




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**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.



A coastal scene featuring a white lighthouse on a cliffside under a cloudy sky. In the foreground, a man in a brown loincloth and sandals stands on a rocky outcrop, gesturing with his hands. To his right, a blue tent is pitched on a small patch of grass next to a tree. The ocean is turbulent with white-capped waves crashing against the rocks. A yellow beam of light from the top left corner points towards the lighthouse.

**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.



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was

used to be

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



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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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