

TEXT

When I was a child I used to believe that clowns were born clowns with a red nose, big feet, multi-coloured hair. I used to believe 100 was the biggest number. I thought that as intelligent means smart, there must also be a word « telligent » which means stupid! I used to believe that the primary school teachers sleep in the classroom cupboards because they were there before I arrived and after I left. When I first saw a black-white picture, I thought the world used to be black-and white and it changed before I was born. I used to believe that like chickens lay eggs, cows lay sausages . . . I used to believe that actors who die in the movie were really dead. I used to believe that I could control the weather by singing rain rain go away. I used to think all Chinese people were kung fu experts. I used to



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PART ONE: (14 points)

Section one: Reading comprehension: (7 points)

Task 1: Choose the right answer. (3 points)

a- The author is talking about his:	1- Expectation	2- Reminiscences	3- Predictions
b- The author:	1- Still believes that 100 is the biggest numbers.	2- Believed that 100 was the biggest number.	3- Will believe that 100 is the biggest number.
c- School teachers:	1- Really sleep in the class room cupboard.	2- Never sleep there.	3- Sometimes sleep here.

Task 2: Read the text again and say (true), (false) or (not mentioned). (2 points)

- a- The author used to think that the word «telligent» means stupid!
b- All Chinese people are certainly kung fu experts.

Task 3: Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to the following. (1 point)

smart = photo=

Find in the text words that are opposite in meaning to the following. (1 point)

after ≠ alive ≠



B/ Mastery of language: (7 points)

Task 1: Cross out the odd word. (2 points)

a- skipping rope - leggings - hopscotch - marbles

b- cow - sheep - shawl - horse

Task 2: Rewrite the following passage using the suitable tense. (3 points)

My grandpa told me: "when I (to be) young, I (not/ to have) a car.

I used to (to travel) on the horse's back."

Task 3: Classify the following words according to their final 'ed' pronunciation. (2 points)

Travelled - laughed - visited - cooked

/t/	/d/	/id/

Part two/ Written Expression: (6 points)

You certainly remember very special moments from your childhood. In a composition of about 8 lines, tell your reminiscences using (used to) and (didn't use to).

-Primary school, on foot by car, eat at the canteen, free time activities, cartoons, summer holidays

When I was a child,



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"[Kids] don't remember what you try to teach them. They remember what you are."

**Jim Henson (Mississippi 1936-New York 1990)
Creator of the Muppets of television and motion pictures**

