

USED TO

PAST TENSE

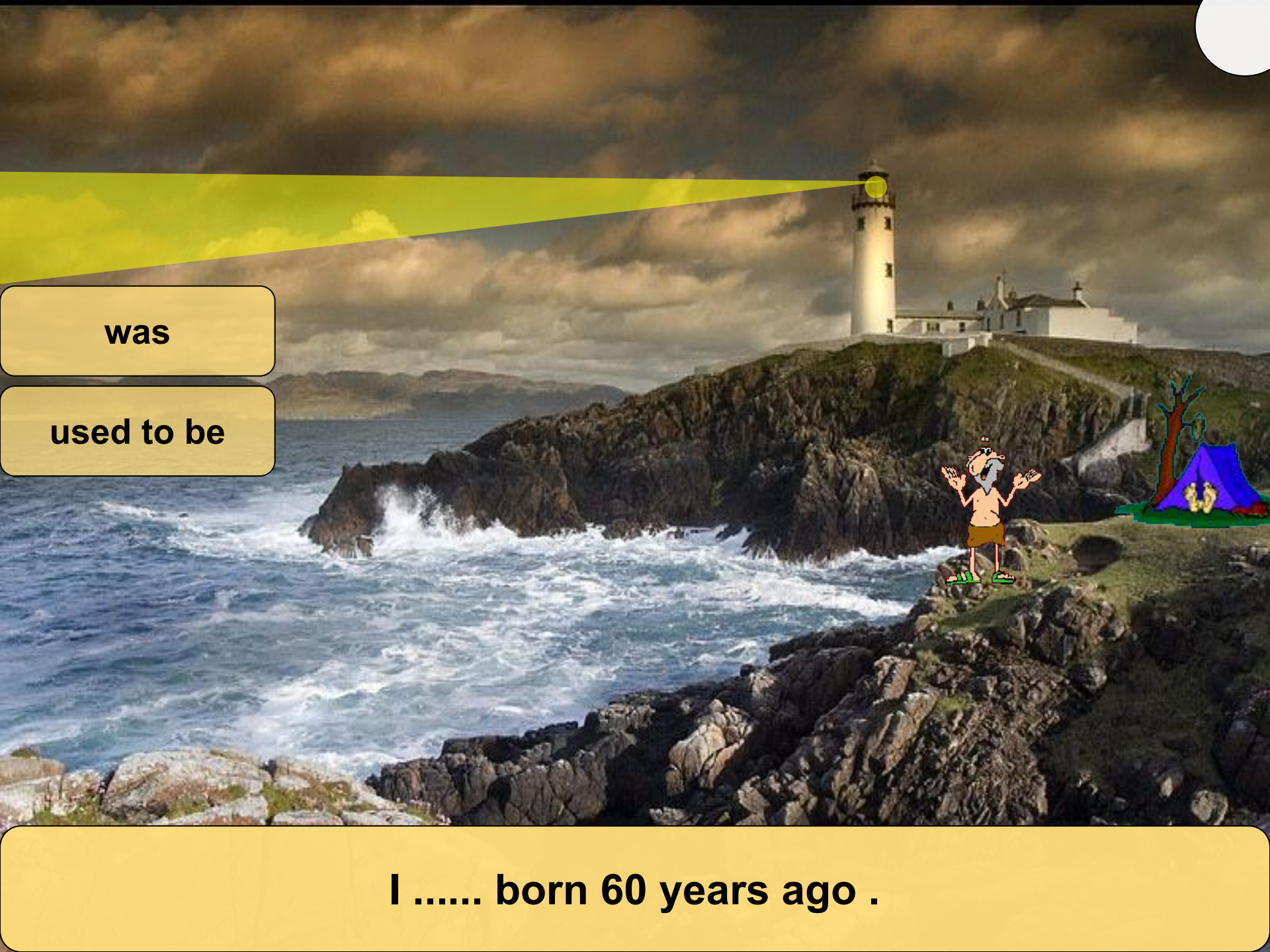


**Hi, I'm Robin. I'm a castaway. I'm going to tell you my life story.
Can you help me with some sentences?
Choose the correct and at the same time the better possibility.
Well, lets start.**

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 hat and shorts stands on a rock, gesturing. 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 sky. Two yellow boxes on the left contain the words '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.

A coastal scene featuring a white lighthouse on a cliff. In the foreground, a man in a hat and shorts stands on a rock, gesturing. To his right is a blue tent and a tree. The sea 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 words 'told' and 'used to tell'. A large yellow box at the bottom contains a sentence.

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 sunglasses stands on a rocky outcrop. To his right, a blue tent is pitched on a small patch of grass. 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.

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

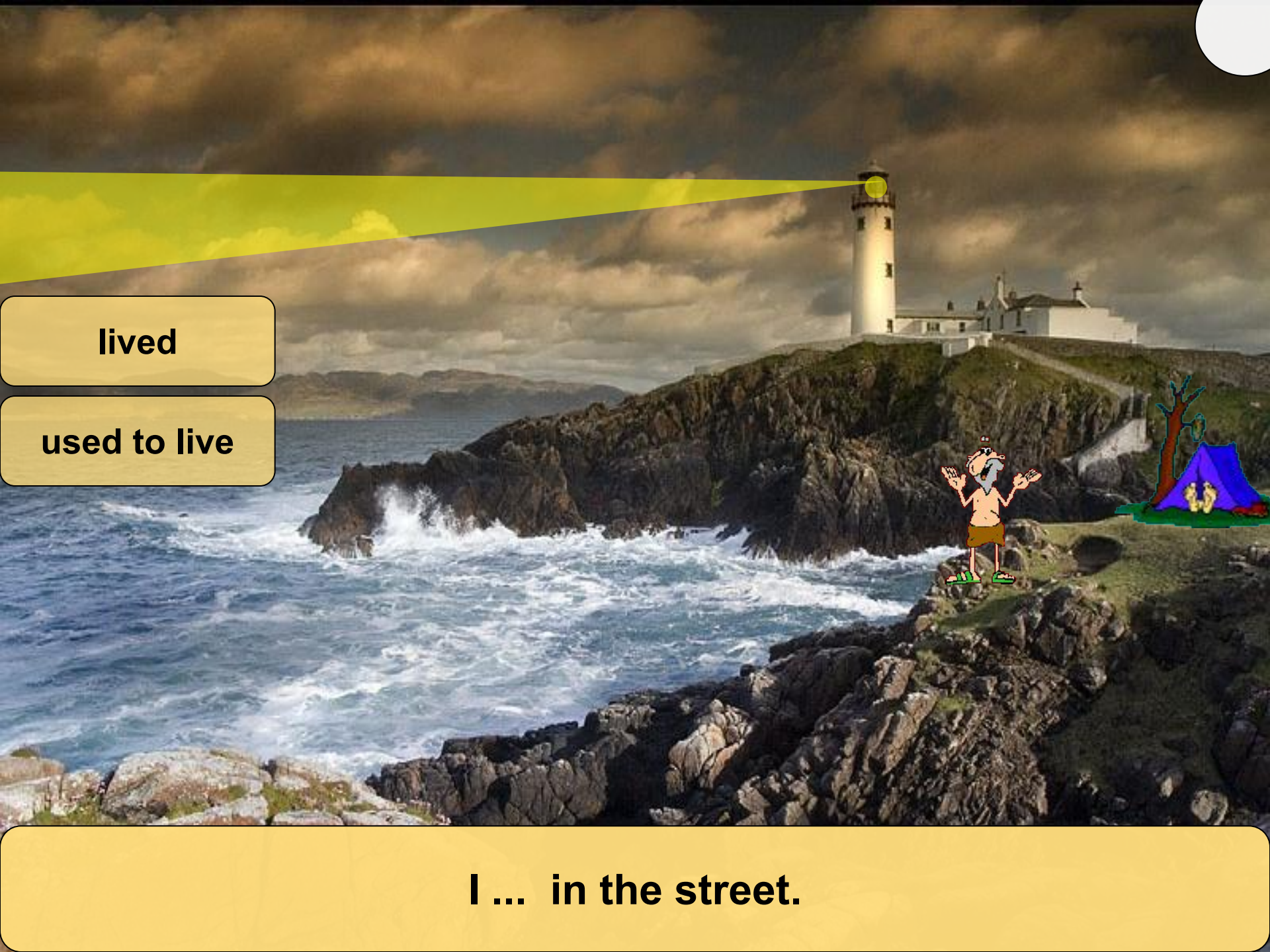
used to run

One Sunday I even ... away from home.

lived

used to live

I ... in the street.





met

used to meet

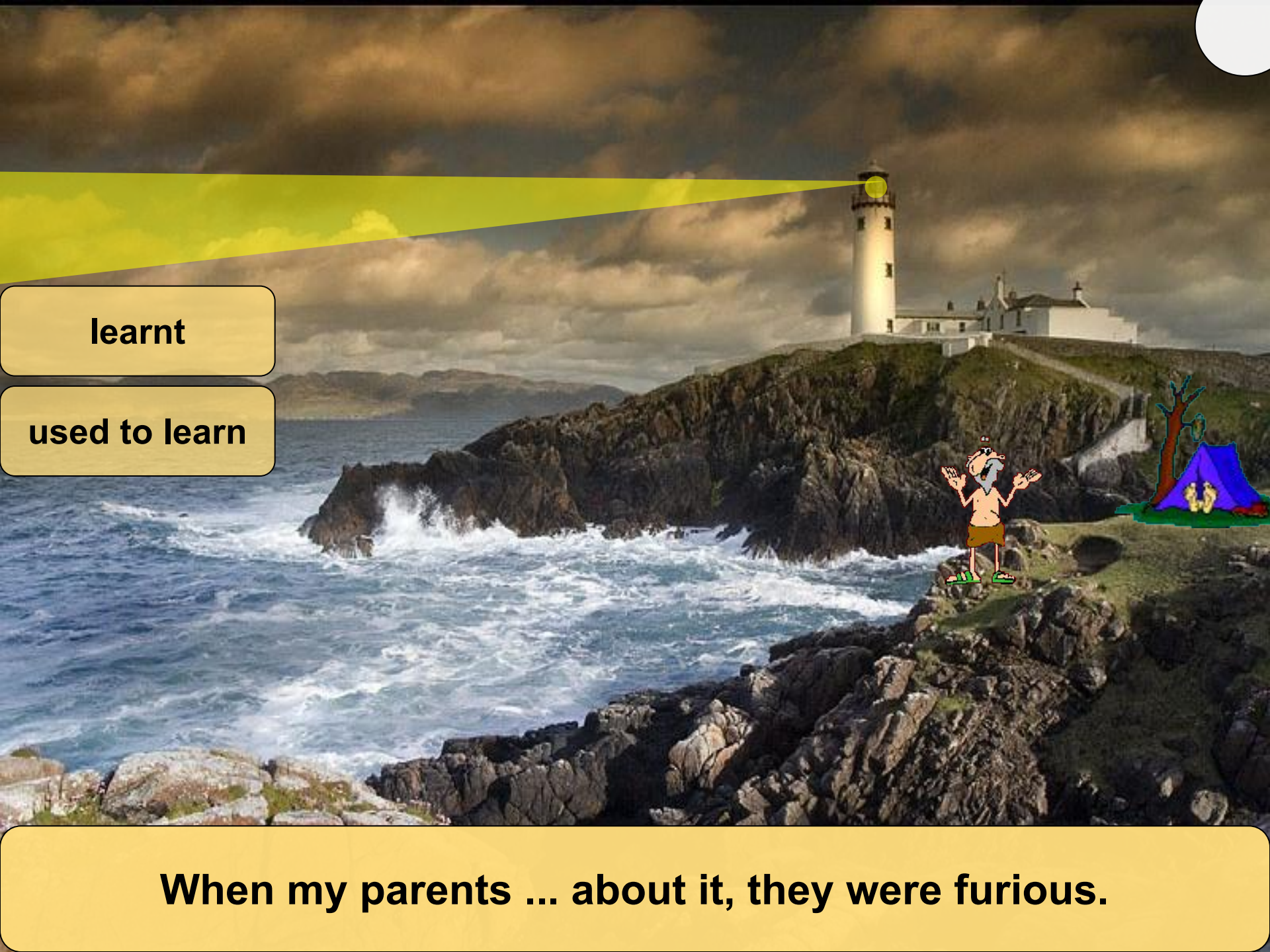
One evening I ...Kate. She was 4 years older than me.



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.



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 cliff. In the foreground, a man in a brown loincloth and sandals stands on a rock, gesturing with his hands. To his right, a blue tent is pitched on a small patch of grass. The ocean is turbulent with white-capped waves crashing against the dark, rocky shore. The sky is filled with heavy, grey clouds. 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 containing text.

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.



was

used to be

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

A scenic view of a lighthouse on a rocky island. The lighthouse is white with a black top and a yellow light. It is situated on a grassy hill overlooking the ocean. In the foreground, a cartoon character with a beard and a hat stands on a rocky outcrop, looking towards the lighthouse. To the right of the character is a blue tent with a tree next to it. The sky is cloudy and the ocean is turbulent with white waves crashing against the rocks. A yellow beam of light from the top left corner points towards the lighthouse.

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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