10 Childhood

Before you watch

1 Match the words (a-f) with their definitions (1-6).
   a) teasing  1 badly behaved
   b) grounded 2 laughing in a childish way
   c) naughty 3 not allowed to leave the house as a punishment
   d) fare 4 saying or doing unkind things to other people
   e) nun 5 a woman who lives in a religious community
   f) giggling 6 money you pay to travel on a bus or train

2 You are going to hear two people talking about their childhood. How do you think the words (a-f) in Exercise 1 are connected to what they say?

While you watch

3 Watch the programme and answer the questions. Tick (✓) R for Ryan or D for Daniele.

   Who … R D
   a) used to live in America?    
   b) used to enjoy playing spies?  
   c) once had to be rescued from a tree?  
   d) used to avoid paying bus fares?   
   e) had a teacher called ‘The Wolfman’? 
   f) once had their teeth knocked out?  
   g) used to like dressing up?        
   h) was once a professional skateboarder?  
   i) used to want to be a pilot?       

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4 Watch again and correct these statements.

a) Ryan now lives in San Diego.

b) Ryan was once bitten by a dog he had been teasing on the way to school.

c) Daniele and her friend used to go on ‘missions’ and photograph people.

d) Ryan and his friend were rescued from the tree by the army.

e) Daniele and her brother used to spend their bus fare on magazines and comics.

f) ‘The Wolfman’ was Ryan’s favourite teacher.

g) Ryan got his teeth knocked out when a ball hit him in the mouth.

h) Daniele used to like dressing up as a doctor or a nurse.

i) Ryan became a professional skateboarder when he was eight.

j) Daniele wanted to be either a teacher or a pilot.

5 Complete these extracts with the words in the box. You will need to use some of the words more than once.

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a) When I was growing up I lived in San Diego, California …

b) … we used to enjoy playing spies. I remember we set a secret society in my garage …

c) … we were too scared to climb back down, so they ended having to call the fire brigade …

d) … when the conductor, bus conductor, came around to collect our fares, we used to turn and look the window …

e) Then we would get the bus and spend our bus fare sweets.

f) … and she was constantly telling me for giggling.

g) … I turned around and ran another child and it knocked all of my teeth.

h) My favourite was dressing as a pirate or a princess or a cowgirl, then we would play in an imaginary world.

6 Work in groups and discuss these questions about your childhood.

a) Where did you grow up?

b) Did you get told off a lot? What for?

c) What did you use to like spending your money on?

d) Did you ever set up any secret groups or societies?

e) Did you use to dress up?

f) Were you ever grounded?