

THEME 4 TRADITIONS LISTENING SKILL (PASİFİK)

A. Listen to the dialogue and answer: How did Turkish people entertain themselves in the past? (Track 14).

B. What did people use to do in the past? Listen again and write true (T) or false (F). (Track 14).

1. They used to live in small mud-brick houses. _____
2. They used to wear modern clothes. _____
3. “Orta oyunu” is a Turkish folk dance. _____
4. They used to watch puppet shows. _____
5. They didn’t use to have TVs. _____
6. Women used to go to coffee houses. _____

Track 14

John : Look at these old photos, Zeynep!

Zeynep: What photos?

John : Türkiye photos many years ago!

Zeynep : Oh, people used to live in small mud brick houses. We now live in modern buildings.

John : Did they use to wear traditional costumes?

Zeynep : Yes, they did. Most Turkish people wear modern clothes now. Only in some villages and ceremonies people wear traditional clothes. Look at this John! It is a shadow theatre. People used to watch shadow plays in the past. It was a popular entertainment.

John : Oh, I know it! That is Karagöz. What else did they use to do for entertainment?

Zeynep : They used to watch puppet shows, meddah, orta oyunu, etc.”Orta oyunu” is a Turkish folk theatre. People performed it in the open air.

John : Oh, this is a photo of an old coffee house.

Zeynep : People did not use to have TVs or personal computers then, so they came together in coffee houses. You know most men go to coffee houses to chat and talk about the matters of the day. Women never used to go to coffee houses, but now, in big cities, they go to some coffee houses.

John : Traditions and lifestyles change. We used to live in a small village when I was a child and there didn’t use to be a secondary school. So, we moved and now we live in a big city. Everything is different in a big city. Traffic for example.

Zeynep : My grandfather says there didn’t use to be any traffic jam in the main streets of this city 50 years ago.

John : So, modern life brings both advantages and disadvantages.

Zeynep : I prefer modern life, but we should protect our traditions too.