

Grammar Lesson

Lesson 05: When I was a student...

レッスン 05: 学生の時...

Target: Talking about when you do actions using "when"
 目的: Whenを使って、何かをする時のことについて話しましょう!

Reading
単語

New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• one's school days	学生時代	• energetic	活動的な
• childhood	幼児期	• mellow out	気分が落ち着く
• a fond memory	懐かしい思い出	• mischievous	いたずら好きな
• impressionable	感受性の強い	• a fraternity	男子学生の社交クラブ
• naughty	いたずらな	• thankfully	ありがたいことに
• adventurous	大胆な	• a frat brother	男子学生の社交クラブの友人
• impulsive	衝動的な	• fortunate	幸福な
• a tomboy	おてんば娘	• buckle down	真面目に取り組む
• competitive	競争心の強い	• cheeky	ずうずうしい

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Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

I remember my school days like they were yesterday. There is no time like that of childhood and one's school years. From the time I was a kid through my years as a college student, I have many fond memories. I learned so much when I was a kid. I was a typical child with a young impressionable mind.

I collected comic books and played a ton of video games when I was an elementary school student. However, I was always well-behaved and never naughty in class. I had my adventurous and impulsive side that got me into plenty of trouble at home. My sister was a real tomboy and loved playing sports. She played tennis and volleyball when she was in junior high and she was super competitive. She would always do her best when she had a game or tournament to play.

My younger brother was really into sports when he was about 10 or so, but he stopped playing sports in high school and just played video games and watched movies a lot. He's a little fat now, I think he regrets not exercising more when he had the time.

My older brother was energetic when he was a teenager, but he mellowed out as a high school student. He was really mischievous when he was a college student though, likely due to being in a fraternity. Thankfully he learned how to cook when he was in college as he could barely boil water before he left for school. He and his frat brothers threw huge parties when they were in college.

I look back and feel fortunate for many things. I played many sports when I was in elementary and junior high school. I was pretty wild when I was in high school, but I truly buckled down and studied hard in college. I learned a lot and have much to be thankful for throughout my very ideal childhood.

Now I remind my two boys to always bring their books when they go to class. As well, they need to be sure to complete their homework when their teacher gives them a deadline. They know that no cheeky behavior is acceptable when the teacher assigns them homework. My kids are great, but they can be quite mischievous when they are at school. You know what they say, "boys will be boys!"

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Answer the questions below

- Did he learn a lot when he was a kid?
- When did he collect comic books?
- When did his sister play tennis and volleyball?
- Was his brother into sports when he was about 10 or so?
- When was his older brother energetic?
- What does he remind his kids to always bring when they go to class?
- When are his kids quite mischievous?
- How many examples of "when" can you find?

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