

Time Traveller Mix-Up

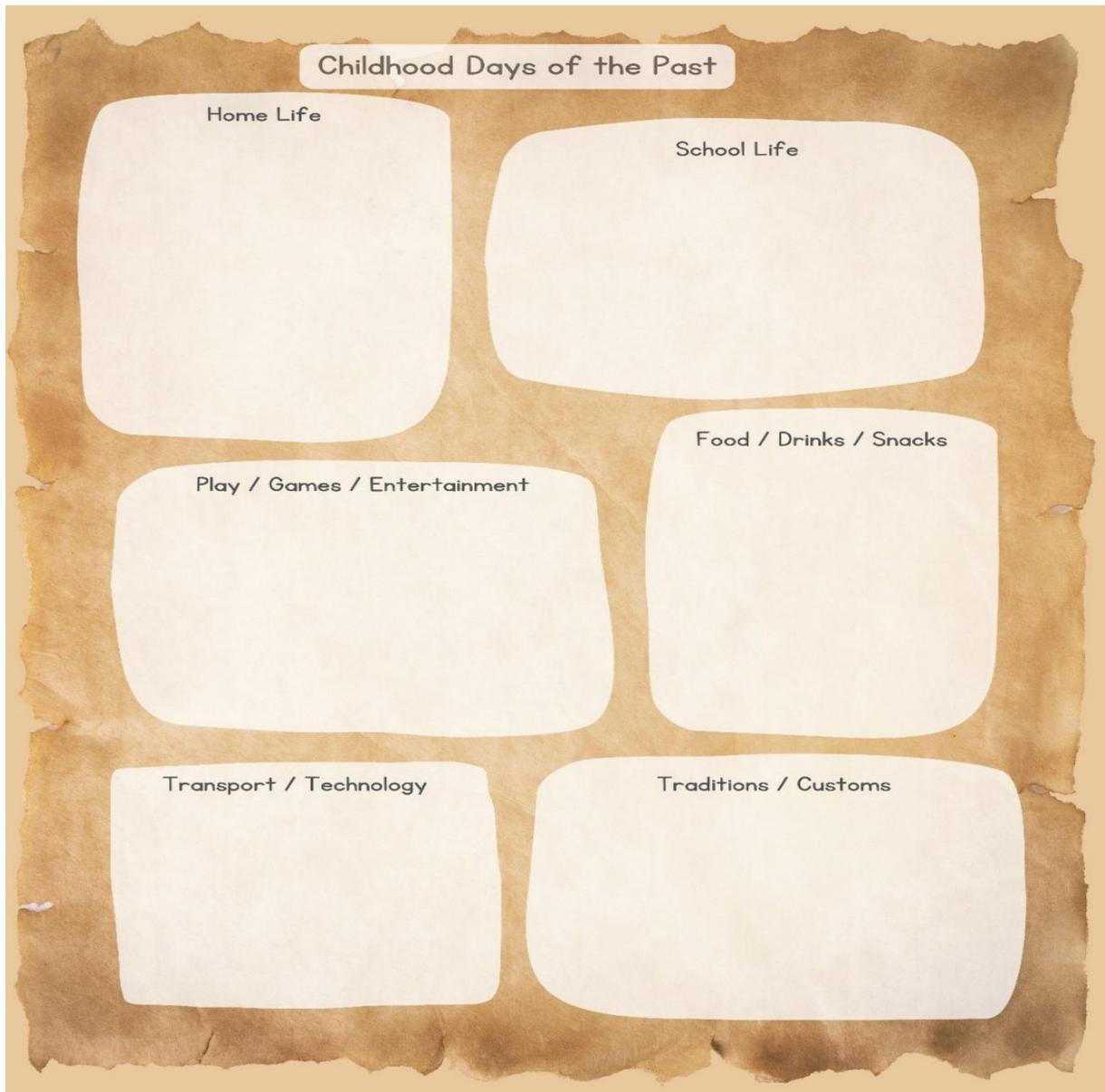
An activity of "Meet Mat, the Kampung Boy".

Read "Meet Mat, the kampung boy" (page 20, *What's Up* September 2025). Work in pairs on this activity to explore the olden days that was Mat's world.

1. Ask at least two or three older adults at school what life was like when they were children. You can ask questions like:

- What was your house like?
- What games did you play with friends?
- What food did you eat often?
- How did families celebrate together?

Fill in the graphic organiser below with your findings.



Childhood Days of the Past

Home Life

School Life

Food / Drinks / Snacks

Play / Games / Entertainment

Transport / Technology

Traditions / Customs

2. Share your findings with your partner, taking note of any similarities and differences. Continue the conversations by answering these questions:
 - What was the most surprising thing you learned about the past?
 - What would you like to try?
 - Which part of modern life do you think a kid from the past might enjoy the most?
3. Imagine this: a time portal opens one day and children from two different time periods swap places! With your partner, take on the role of either Child A or Child B.
 - Child A: A kid from the 1960s lands up in 2025
 - Child B: A kid from 2025 lands up in the 1960s
4. Write a diary entry each from the point of view of Child A and Child B respectively. Use details you collected from your interviews. Make use of sensory details to describe what you see, hear, smell, experience, etc.
 - What are the differences between the two time periods?
 - How would you feel about the era you have been transported to?
 - What would you miss from your own time period?

The image shows two blank diary entry templates side-by-side. The left template is on a piece of aged, yellowed paper with a torn edge. It starts with the text "Dear Diary," in a cursive font, followed by ten horizontal dashed lines for writing. The right template is on a light blue background with a dark blue border. It starts with the text "Dear Diary," in a simple, sans-serif font, followed by ten horizontal dashed lines for writing.