GROW UP

STUDY Read these sentences carefully.

• They moved around a lot while the children were growing up.
• He wants to be a firefighter when he grows up.
• I grew up in a big city.
• Oh, grow up! Stop being so childish!

CHECK Use the sentences in the Study box to help you do these exercises.

MEANING
Which one of the following does not explain the meaning of grow up?

a) to increase in size, number, etc.
b) to spend the time when you are a child in a particular place or manner
c) to become an adult

GRAMMAR
Which of these are grammatically possible?

a) Grow up!
b) Grow yourself up!
c) She grew up.
d) She grew up her daughter.

Now check your answers by looking at grow up on p. 105.

PRACTISE

1 Grow or grow up? Remember that grow means ‘become bigger or taller’. Choose the best alternative:

a) Hasn’t he grown/grown up! He’s nearly as tall as his father now!
b) That plant has really grown/grown up since the last time I saw it.
c) Thomas and I grew/grew up together, so we’re very close.

2 Answer these questions about yourself, using the verb grow up:

a) When you were a child, where did you live?

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b) What did you want to be when you were an adult?

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BUILD YOUR VOCABULARY

RELATED WORDS

adjective: grown-up
They have three children, all of them grown-up now.
noun: a grown-up (This is used by children, or by adults talking to children.)
Do you want to come over here and sit with the grown-ups?

SIMILAR VERBS

➤ bring somebody up