

## LET'S REWIND!

It was a regular Saturday evening. I was spending the night at my grandparents' house. I was on the couch scrolling on TikTok. When I was in the middle of a TikTok video, my phone suddenly died.

“Oh, shoot! Ugh, hey, grandma, do you have an iPhone charger?”

“A what?” my grandma asked.

“An iPhone charger, for my phone.”

“Sorry, sweetie, I really don't.”

“Oh, okay.”

“I don't understand what's so interesting on that phone anyway,” my grandma said.

“Well, I was watching an interesting video on TikTok.”

“What's a TikTok?”

“It's a social media app with a ton of cool videos!”

“Oh, well, back in my day that didn't exist.”

“What, TikTok?” I asked.

“A mobile phone.”

“Well, what did you do all day?”

“A lot of things actually,” replied grandma.

“Oh, I've just remembered that I have to do a school project on a theme of our choice. Hmm, maybe I could write about life in the past... Something tells me that it might be very interesting. Would you mind if I ask you some questions about life back then?”

“Of course not, my dear, but go grab a piece of paper and a pencil 'cause this is gonna be a loooong list of notes.”

“Okay, got them. The first question is: What was life like back then?”

“Well, nothing too special, nothing too boring... I guess it was an ordinary life. Though, we had our fun, I must admit,” my grandma chuckled.

“Okay, nice. Let's move on. What were some popular things before?”

“Hm, well, cassettes, gramophone records, vinyls... Almost every child had a Pony bicycle, roller blades and so on.”

“So, what did children do for fun?”

“Well, I personally rode my bike with my friends, played tennis and badminton, collected napkins, played Chinese jump rope, played marbles... Oh, and sewing clothes for our baby dolls — that was my personal favourite. Those were good times,” grandma said.

“That actually does sound really fun.”

“Oh, believe me, it was.”

“What about films and music? What were they like?”

“Music was beautiful and way better than today's. So were films, they were true, emotional, unfiltered and most importantly – they had a meaning and generally told somebody's life story. Today, films seem to be all fantasies and supernatural.”

“Hmm, that is pretty much true,” I said.

“Oh, believe me, sweetie, it is.”

“What I want to know next is...”

As my grandma and I talked, I learnt a lot of new things about the past. It was also a nice bonding experience talking with my grandma about her childhood.

“Okay, and we are done!”

“Already!? Well, that was really quick. I hope I helped, sweetie.”

“You did, thank you so much, grandma!”

“No problem. Anyway, what time is it? Oh, it's pretty late, you should head to bed, darling.”

“Alright, goodnight, grandma!”

“Goodnight, dear, sweet dreams!”

When school started on Monday, I confidently handed in my project. The next day, I went to my grandparents' house. I immediately ran inside.

“Grandma, grandpa, I got an A+ on my project! The teacher also complimented and praised my work in front of the whole class!”

“That's wonderful, sweetie, I knew you'd do great!” said my grandma.

And that's how I took my grandma down memory lane, and knowing that she helped me see the world through a different pair of eyes made her truly proud.

Technology really advanced and changed the world, but at the end of the day, we are all just living our life the best we can with what we have.