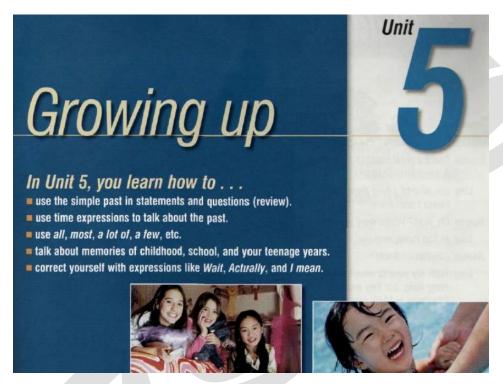
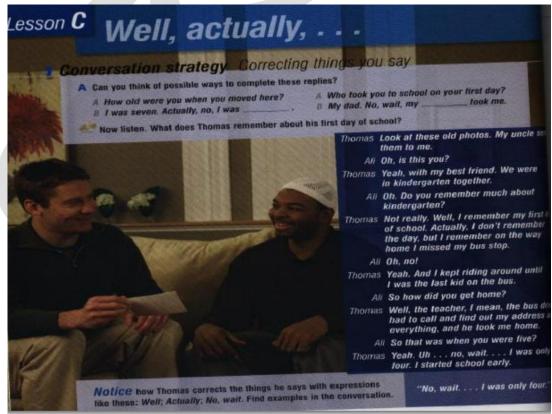
LESSON C: WELL, ACTUALLY LESSON D: TEENAGE YEARS USING I MEAN,

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Match the sentences with the corrections. Then compare with a partner.

- 1. I don't remember anything about my childhood. e
- I started gymnastics when I was five. d
- 3. I hated swimming lessons. b
- 4. I lived with my grandparents for a year. __f__
- 5. I played piano until I was ten. a
- 6. All my friends were very nice. c____
- a. Actually, no, I was 11 when I quit.
- b. Well, they were OK, but I was always scar
- c. Well, most of them, not all of them.
- d. No, wait. I was six.
- e. Well, actually, I remember a few things.
- f. No, wait. Actually, it was two years.

2 Strategy plus I mean

You can use I mean to correct yourself when you say the wrong word or name. This is just one use of I mean.

Well, the teacher, I mean, the bus driver, had to . . .

In conversation . . .

Mean is one of the top 100 words. About 90% of its uses are in the expression I mean.

A Complete the questions by correcting the underlined words. Use the words on the right.

1.	Did you read a lot of cartoons, I mean, comic boo	oks		
	Did you have a motorbike, I mean, a?		7	stuffed animals
	How often did you visit your parents, I mean, your _		8	basketball
	Did you go skiing in the winter, I mean,	?		friend
	Were you afraid of cats, I mean,?			mountain bike
	Did you have an imaginary classmate, I mean,		-	skating
	Did you collect animals, I mean,	_ ?		comic books
	Were you good at playing chess, I mean,			horses grandparents

Complete the conversations with the sentences in the box.

Well, no, I guess I spent some weekends with my grandparents. Actually, no, it was 2002. Well, at least most of them didn't. Well, not perfect, actually. My dad lost his job. No. wait. I was nine. ✓Well, not all of them. Josie speaks three languages. Well, actually, it was dark brown. No, wait. . . . Her name was Mrs. Santos. Actually, no, I was 18 when I guit.

- 1. A All my friends are bilingual. They all speak two languages. Well, not all of them. Josie speaks three languages.
 - B That's amazing!
- 2. A My best friend and I had sleepovers every weekend when we were kids. Well, no, I guess I spent some weekends with my grandparents
 - B That sounds like fun.
- 3. A We moved to Rio de Janeiro when I was ten. No, wait. I was nine
 - B So you were pretty young.
- 4. A I was on a swimming team until I was 16. Actually, no. I was 18 when I guit.
 - B That's the reason you swim so well.
- 5. A My brother and I had a perfect childhood. Well, not perfect, actually. My dad lost his job.
 - B Really? But you were generally pretty happy, right?

- 6. A My cousin lived with us for a year in 2003, I think. Actually, no. It was 2006.
 - B That was your cousin Alice, right?
- 7. A My favorite teacher in elementary school was Mrs. Santana.

No wait... her name was Mrs. Santos.

- B Oh, yeah? My favorite teacher was Mr. Stiller.
- 8. A When I was little, none of my friends had pets.

Well, at least most of them didn't.

- B But you had a dog, right?
- 9. A I had black hair when I was born.

Well, actually, it was dark brown.

B Really? I was born with no hair at all!

Lesson D

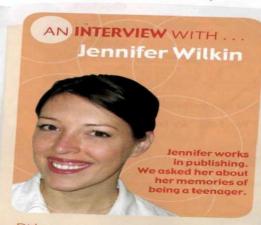
Teenage years

1 Reading

A Brainstorm the word teenager! What do you think of? Make a class list.

teenager: parties, loud music, fights with parents

B Read the interview. Which of Jennifer's answers are funny? Which are interesting?



Did you enjoy being a teenager It was mostly OK, but I had some difficulties, like everyone else. When you're a teenager, you're unsure of yourself.

What were the fashions then? I was a teenager in the '80s, and so the clothes were very colorful. I was a fashion rebel, though — I always wore black, and I wore a lot of cheap silver jewelry. Often I wore vintage clothing.

What kind of music did you listen to? My tastes were varied – I was a classical violinist, but I listened to punk rock and new wave music. I had all my "weird" cassette tapes, and I was never without them. What's your best memory from your

teenage years?
I guess it was a trip I took every summer with my youth group. It was a time to travel, be with close friends, and be away from my parents.

And your worst?

I think going to school was the worst. I'm not a social type, and it gave me all kinds of anxiety.

What's one thing you remember about school?

I remember that everybody tried to be different, but they tried to be the same, also.

What was your favorite subject

My favorite subject was psychology. I loved analyzing my friends.

Were you ever in trouble? Why? I got detention lots of times because I was late for school every morning, but I never got in real trouble.

How did you spend your free time? Actually, I spent a lot of time driving around in friends' cars, honking at people's houses as we drove by. I also spent time reading, playing with my dog and cat, or tormenting my younger sister.

What do you miss about your NOTHING! Except my jeans size.

What's one piece of advice you would give to today's teenagers Get off your computer, and turn off the TV!

