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Jessica: My name is Jessica and it's the 9th of March 2020 and we're in Pencaitland Primary School. Please introduce yourself.

IR: Hi, my name's Irene Ramsay, I'm actually Jessica's mum.

Jessica: Mm, okay. Question one. Can you tell us a bit more about your life when you were a child?

IR: Yes, well, Ah was born in 1967 so it's quite a long time ago in the Sixties when the Beatles were famous etcetera.

Jessica: [chuckles]

IR: [chuckling] So a long time ago from you. And so, growing up for me was very different. Ah grew in the Seventies and there was no mobile phones, there was no internet, there wasn't really any computers, so quite different. And Ah was born in Edinburgh, and Ah grew up in Edinburgh and spent all ma life in Edinburgh [Jessica laughs] til Ah moved out to Pencaitland!

Jessica: What was your life like at school when you were a child?

IR: Well, when we were at school, the teacher had a blackboard and wrote in the blackboard in chalk, and we had little individual desks, wooden desks, and all your s... books and your pens and pencils, they were inside your desk, we used to open it up, like the top used to open up and all your books would go in there. And the teacher wrote on a blackboard with chalk and... it was probably a bit the same, we learnt the same things, maths, English, history, geography, that sort of thing. The games outside, probably a bit different – we didn't have computers in school, we didn't do anything like that.

Jessica: 'kay. So question two, how do you think children's lives are different now? Are they be'er [glottal stop; not sure how/whether to represent] or worse, why do you think?

IR: Ah think they're different now. Ah think you've probably... be'er in some ways an mebbe not in others. Ah think life's a lot faster now, Ah think

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people expect things to happen quicker because everything's online. Emails, for instance, at work everybody expects an answer right away, you're on social media at your age, you've got phones, you're always in contact with each other. When I was at school you didn't have any of that, so you just had to go and knock on your friend's door and go out to play because you didn't have all the television channels, you didn't have all the electronic games, you just played outside in the summer, and in the winter you tended to play indoors with toys or read books or played games. But Ah think – it's probably better now because you've got more opportunities and more chances... than we did back then.

Jessica: Kay. Question free [3]. Why did you choose to live in East Lothian?

IR: Because... my husband was used to... he stayed in Midlothian and he grew up in Midlothian and he liked East Lothian, Ah didn't know anything about it, we just saw a house that we liked and we came out and viewed it and had a look around and just thought it was a really nice place to live.

Jessica: Did you ever live anywhere else?

IR: Yeah, Ah lived in Edinburgh, which is a city about half an hour from here, and that's where Ah grew up.

Jessica: Mmkay. What is your job, and what do you enjoy best about it?

IR: I'm a business administrator and Ah work for East Lothian Council and Ah work in economic development and strategic investment, and Ah like ma job because Ah do quite a variety of tasks that're really interesting... and Ah've got lots of nice work colleagues.

Jessica: Kay, thanks very much, this is the end of the interview.

IR: Thank you.