

GRAMMAR: USED TO

1 THEORY

Read the theory about the use of “*used to*”.

We use ‘**used to**’ + **infinitive** to talk about a past situation which is no longer true. It tells us that there was a repeated action / state in the past which has now changed.

Examples:

- She used to be a tennis player when she was younger.
- He used to work in Amsterdam. Now he works in London.

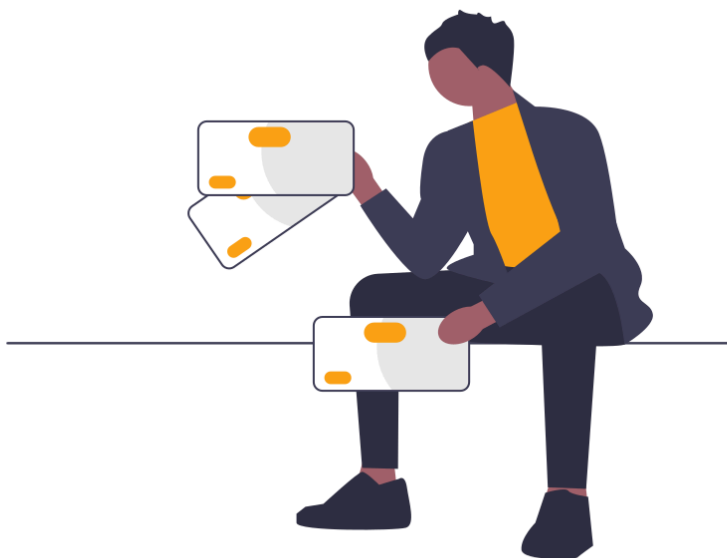
When we use this structure with the word ‘**did**’ there is a slight change.

Examples:

- Did you use to eat meat when you were younger?
- I didn’t use to sleep well, but I do now.
- She didn’t use to go to class at university.

Can you see what the small change is?

The word ‘**used**’ changes to ‘**use**’.



2 HOW TO FORM: USED TO

Study the grammar tables below.

Positive Statements		
I	used to	go
You	used to	eat
She	used to	drink
He	used to	sleep
It	used to	read
We	used to	write
They	used to	study

Negative Statements		
I	didn't use to	go
You	didn't use to	eat
She	didn't use to	drink
He	didn't use to	sleep
It	didn't use to	read
We	didn't use to	write
They	didn't use to	study

Form Questions			
Did	I	use to	+ Infinitive
Did	You	use to	
Did	She / He	use to	
Did	It	use to	
Did	We	use to	
Did	They	use to	



3 USED TO: MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

Task: Read the questions below then choose the correct response.

1. Did you **use to** walk to school?
 - a. used to
 - b. use to

2. I didn't **used to** eat fruit when I was younger.
 - a. used to
 - b. use to

3. Did you **use to** dye your hair brown?
 - a. used to
 - b. use to

4. They **used to** go camping every year on their anniversary.
 - a. used to
 - b. use to

5. We **used to** work at a restaurant when we lived in New York.
 - a. used to
 - b. use to

6. She **used to** work at the town hall with my sister.
 - a. used to
 - b. use to

7. We **used to** go to Canada for Easter every year.
 - a. used to
 - b. use to

8. He didn't **use to** play badminton at university but he does now.
 - a. used to
 - b. use to

9. She didn't **use to** enjoy spicy food, but she does now.
 - a. used to
 - b. use to

10. Did they **use to** watch horror movies when they were kids?
 - a. used to
 - b. use to

4 COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

Task: Complete the sentences below using the correct form of 'used to'.

1. Johnny and his brothers **used to** watch Lost on television.
2. What did your mum **use to** do to celebrate her birthday?
3. Did you **use to** go on a summer holiday with your family?
4. My dad **used to** buy C.D's from the music store every Saturday.
5. They **used to** be friends but they haven't spoken since they had an argument.
6. "Grandma, did you **use to** write letters to your friends and family?"
7. I **used to** go to the gym but I don't go now because I injured my knee.
8. Did you **use to** drive to work?
9. We **used to** go to the library after school but it closed down 4 weeks ago.
10. Did you **use to** play video games when you were younger?
11. He **used to** ride his bike to work, but he got a car last year.
12. Did you **use to** live in the city when you were younger?
13. They **used to** visit that café every weekend, but it's no longer there.
14. She **used to** take piano lessons, but she quit last month.
15. Did he **use to** watch cartoons on Saturday mornings?



5 WHAT DID WE DO / USE BEFORE...

Task: Discuss what people used to do before each of the items pictured were invented.



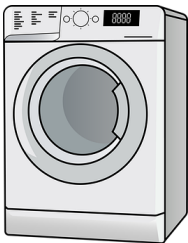
1. Social Media



2. Smartphones



3. Cars



4. Washing machine



5. Fast Food



6. Emails



7. Televisions



8. Newspapers



9. Ipods



6 QUESTIONS

Task: Discuss the following questions as a class.

Practice using “used to” in your answers.

1. What's something you used to do with your family on weekends when you were a child?
2. Did you use to have a favourite subject in school? What was it and why?
3. Share a childhood memory of a game or activity you used to enjoy with your friends.
4. How have your fashion preferences changed since you were a teenager?
5. Did you use to have a childhood dream or ambition? What was it?
6. How have your eating habits changed from when you were a kid to now?
7. Share a story about a place you used to go to during summer vacations.
8. Did you use to have a favourite book or story that you would read over and over?
9. How has technology changed the way you socialise with your friends compared to when you were younger?
10. Did you use to collect anything as a child? What was it and why?
11. Describe a family tradition that you used to follow during holidays or special occasions.
12. How has your hometown or neighbourhood changed since you were a child?





7 MEMORIES OF CHILDHOOD

Task 1: Read the following text.

When I was a child, life was quite different from what it is now. We used to live in a small town surrounded by lush green fields. Every morning, I used to wake up to the sound of birds singing and the fresh breeze coming in through the window.

We used to have a tradition of gathering at my grandparents' house every Sunday. The whole family would come together for a big homemade meal. My grandmother used to tell us stories about her own childhood, and we used to listen with wide-eyed fascination.

I used to be scared of the dark, so my parents used to leave a night light on in my room. They used to sit with me until I fell asleep, reassuring me that everything was okay.

I used to love summer vacations. We used to pack up our camping gear and head to the mountains. We used to spend days exploring the woods, swimming in the clear river, and sitting around the campfire at night.

As time passed, things changed. The small town used to be quiet, but now it's bustling with new businesses. My grandparents' house used to be the centre of our family gatherings, but everyone has moved to different places now. I used to be that scared child, but now I'm more confident and independent.

Though life is different now, the memories of those days when we used to experience simple joys and happy family moments remain close to my heart.

Task 2: Answer the following comprehension questions:

1. What did the narrator used to wake up to as a child?
2. What was the tradition at the narrator's grandparents' house?
3. Why did the narrator's parents leave a night light on?
4. What did the narrator love to do during summer vacations?
5. How has the small town changed over time?
6. What has happened to the family gatherings at the grandparents' house?
7. How has the narrator changed from their childhood?

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1 WRITING PRACTICE

On a separate piece of paper, write detailed answers to the following questions.

Use the grammar point of “used to” in your answers.

Share your answers with your teacher in the next class.

1. What are some things you used to enjoy doing in your free time when you were younger?
2. Did your daily routine used to be different from what it is now? How?
3. How have your eating habits changed compared to what you used to eat when you were a child?
4. Did you use to have a favourite subject in school? How has that influenced your interests now?
5. What kind of music did you use to listen to when you were a teenager?
6. How has technology changed the way you communicate with friends and family compared to when you used to communicate?
7. Did you use to have any childhood dreams or ambitions that have stayed with you?
8. How have your travel preferences changed over time in terms of destinations or modes of transportation?
9. Did you use to have any hobbies that you no longer pursue? Why did you stop?
10. How has your hometown or neighbourhood changed from what it used to be when you were a child?

