

Past habits: *used to* *I used to play tennis.*

We use *used to* when we describe a situation or habit in the past. We often contrast the past with the present.

*I **used to drink** coffee every morning, but now I drink tea.*

Statements

*I **used to play** tennis.*

<i>I used to play</i>	<i>he used to play</i>	<i>we used to play, etc.</i>
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Negatives

*Sheila **didn't use to play** basketball.*

<i>I didn't use to play</i>	<i>she didn't use to play</i>	<i>we didn't use to play, etc.</i>
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Questions

***Did they use to play** football?*

<i>Did he use to play?</i>	<i>Did you use to play?</i>	<i>Did they use to play? etc.</i>
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- We can use *used to* with *be*, *have* and with verbs generally in present simple such as *like*, *own* etc.

*Harry **used to be** the captain of the team.*

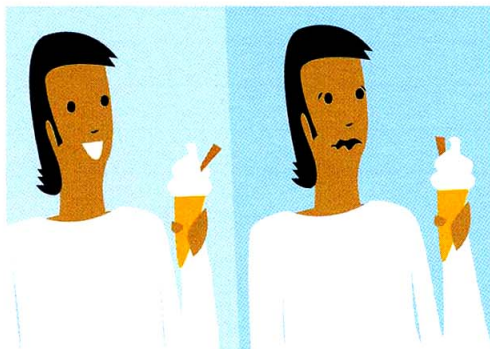
*I **used to like** folk music, but I don't like it any more.*

- There is no present form of *used to*.
*I **used to work** in London, but now I work in Manchester.*
- The past simple is also possible in these examples, but *used to* is more common.

*I **had** a motorbike when I was younger.*

*I **played** tennis, but now I play football.*

1 Look at the pictures and complete the sentences.



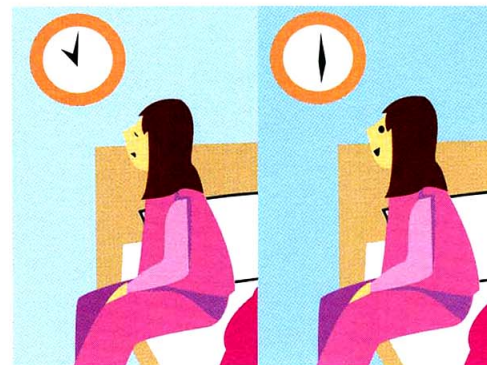
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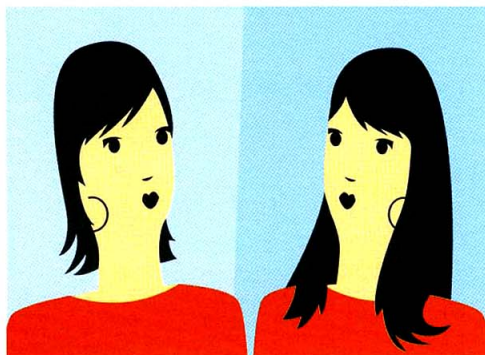
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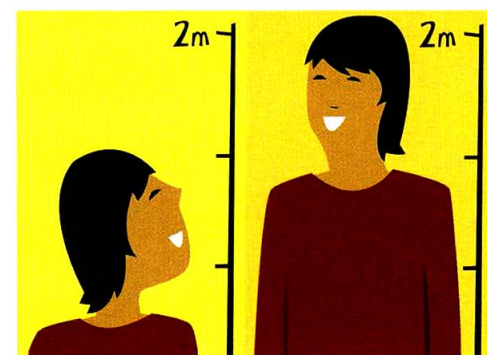
3 Nick



4 Kate



5 Carol



6 Jack

- 1 David / like ice cream / hate it David used to like ice cream, but now he hates it.
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- 2 Anna / live in the country / in the city
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- 3 Nick / walk to school / ride a bike
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- 4 Kate / get up late / early
.....
- 5 Carol / have short hair / long hair
.....
- 6 Jack / be short / tall
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ELEMENTARY LANGUAGE PRACTICE

- 2** Look at the table below. Write sentences about the past. Use *used to* and *didn't use to*.

	200 years ago
1 ride horses	✓
2 drive cars	✗
3 make their own clothes	✓
4 go to the cinema	✗
5 wash their clothes by hand	✓
6 watch TV	✗
7 keep animals for food	✓
8 use computers	✗

Two hundred years ago ...

- 1 people (ride) *used to ride* horses.
- 2 they (drive) cars.
- 3 they (make) their own clothes.
- 4 they (go to) the cinema.
- 5 they (wash) their clothes by hand.
- 6 they (watch) TV.
- 7 they (keep) animals for food.
- 8 they (use) computers.

- 3** Write statements, negatives or questions with *used to*.

- 1 Susan / have / a dog? (question)
Did Susan use to have a dog?
- 2 people / use / mobile phones (negative)
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- 3 he / go / swimming (statement)
.....
- 4 they / like / jazz music? (question)
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- 5 Olga's family / live / in Moscow (statement)
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- 6 we / drink / coffee (negative)
.....
- 7 my sister / watch / television (negative)
.....
- 8 Tony / work / in a bank? (question)
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4 Rewrite each sentence or question so it has the same meaning. Use *used to*.

- 1 I was in the school tennis team.
I used to be in the school tennis team.
- 2 Sophie had long hair when she was at school.
- 3 Mary didn't listen when her teachers were speaking.
- 4 Ricardo got up at 6.00 when he was training for the Olympics.
- 5 What did you usually do on Saturday evenings?
- 6 Becky was afraid of dogs when she was a girl.
- 7 We always gave our teachers presents at the end of term.
- 8 Did you live next door to Mrs Harrison?
- 9 My brother wore glasses when he was small.
- 10 Did Martin learn German at school?

5 Complete the sentences with your personal details.

- 1 I used to eat , but now I don't.
- 2 I used to hate , but now I love it.
- 3 I didn't use to drink , but now I do.
- 4 I used to read , but now I don't.
- 5 I didn't use to watch on television, but now I do.
- 6 I used to get up at on Saturdays, but now I don't.
- 7 I used to play , but now I play
- 8 I didn't use to have for breakfast, but now I do.

6 What did your grandparents and parents use to do?

My grandfather used to live in but my dad

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