Language – Senior I

Talking about past habits or routines – USED TO

Perspective Pre-Intermediate

Students' Book – pages 23 and 131

Look at the Grammar box.

USED TO **–** To talk about past habits, routines or states

My dad **used to work** in a bank.

We **didn't use to live** in a container house; we lived in an apartment.

Did you **use to visit** the city centre a lot? No, we **didn't**.

Aff: subject + **USED TO** + verb (infinitive)

Neg: subject + **DIDN'T USE TO** + verb (infinitive)

Int: **DID** + subject + **USE TO** + verb (infinitive)

Last week, we read about Brenda Kelly, a woman who recycles old containers to make houses:

A Complete the sentences about Brenda's childhood with the correct form of use to.

1 I _____ watch a lot of TV when I was younger, but now I don't.

2 I never _____ watch films on but now I do.

3 My sister didn't _____ like vegetables, but now she's a vegetarian!

4 Our cat _____ stay inside, but now he goes outside every day.

5 I _____ play games on my computer like my friends, but now I do.

6 What kind of games _____ you _____ play as a child?

7 1 didn't _____ study every day when I was a teenager.

8 Where _____ your grandparents _____ go to school when they were young?

B Complete the conversation between Brenda and one of her friends with USED or USE.

A: Didn't you (1) _____ to live in Argentina?

B: No, I didn't, but my grandparents (2) _____ to live there. They lived in an apartment in Buenos Aires, and I (3) _____ to visit every summer for a few weeks.

A: We live just outside the town. We didn't (4) _____ to live in the suburbs, but now we do.

B: Where did you (5) _____ to live?

A: We (6) _____ to live in the country. It was wonderful. We (7) _____ to have a farm and horses. horses. I didn't (8) _____ to ride them though.

C Brenda Kelly's house used to be an old container. Choose the correct options to complete the text making houses by recycling materials.

Brenda Kelly's house (1) travels / used to travel the world on trucks, trains and boats carrying products from place to place. But shipping containers (2) aren't/ didn't use to be the only building material that (3) are / used to be something else. In the mountains of Chile, there's a house that (4) flies / used to fly— because (5) it's / it used to be an old aeroplane. And at a farm in the Netherlands, you can stay in a train hotel that (6) carries / used to carry passengers every day —and it has a kitchen sink (7) that's / that used to be a car tyre!