

**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 I 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. 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!