

## LANGUAGE IN ACTION

used to



### 1 ★ Match sentences 1–6 with a–f.

- 1 I used to live in the countryside.
  - 2 I didn't use to like coffee.
  - 3 I used to be really shy.
  - 4 I used to like going to the gym.
  - 5 I used to eat a lot of fast food.
  - 6 I didn't use to have many friends.
- a Now I don't have time.  
b Now I think it's unhealthy.  
c I live in a city now.  
d Now I have lots.  
e I'm much more confident these days.  
f Now I have a cup every morning.

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### 3 ★★ Look at the photos. Complete the sentences with the correct form of *used to*.

- 1 I didn't use to like ice cream, but now I love it!
- 2 I \_\_\_\_\_, but I play tennis now.
- 3 I \_\_\_\_\_, but now I want to be a teacher.
- 4 I \_\_\_\_\_, but I have one now.
- 5 I \_\_\_\_\_. Now I have a new one.

### 4 ★★ Put the words in the correct order to make questions with *used to*.

- 1 you / use / to / Did / mobile phones / have / ?  
Did you use to have mobile phones?
- 2 did / How / communicate / with / people / use / to / you / ?  
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- 3 free / in / your / What / you / did / use / do / to / time / ?  
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- 4 old / use / people / What / you / think / did / of / to / ?  
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### 5 ★★ Complete the answers to the questions from Exercise 4. Use the correct form of *used to* and the verbs in the box.

be do have (x2) read send think (x2)

- 1 Well, no. I got my first mobile phone 15 years ago. Before that, we didn't use to have the internet or even computers. We \_\_\_\_\_ a phone at home, of course.
- 2 We \_\_\_\_\_ letters, phone each other or just meet up a lot. Life \_\_\_\_\_ calmer then.
- 3 I watched TV. I \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of books, too. A lot of people now go shopping. We \_\_\_\_\_ that because we didn't have the money.
- 4 Good question! I \_\_\_\_\_ about them at all! I \_\_\_\_\_ I couldn't get old. I still don't think I'm old!



When I was very young, I <sup>1</sup> used to want to be a swimming teacher, because I loved swimming and I <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ like our sports teacher. Sometimes, I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ want to be an astronaut as well, because I really liked space. When I got older, I started to get interested in computers. We <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ have a good computer at home, only a very old one, but then my dad decided to buy a really good one. My parents <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ let me spend much time on the computer – just a few hours a week. When I was 13, I started learning how to write my own games. I <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ know how to do that before, but I had a great teacher at school who showed me how. In the future, I'd like to be a games developer!

