

GRAMMAR Used to

We use *used to* to talk about habits and states that were true in the past, but are not true anymore.

+ We *used to talk* when you came to visit.

– We *didn't use to have* phones.

? Did you *use to send* postcards? Yes, we *did*.
No, we *didn't*.

How *did* you *use to communicate*?

1 ● Choose the correct option.

- When she was young, my mum *used* / *use* to write letters.
- She didn't *used* / *use* to send emails.
- Did you *used* / *use* to play online games when you were younger?
- I *used to go* / *went* to the cinema every week when I lived in the city.
- A: Did you *use to have* a digital camera?
B: Yes, I *used to* / *did*.
- My dad didn't *use* / *use to* have a smartphone.

2 ● Complete the sentences with the correct form of *used to* and the verb in brackets.

- I *used to have* (have) a really nice tablet, but then I broke it.
- My gran _____ (not search) the internet, but now she's always on it!
- My parents _____ (listen) to music in the evenings.
- _____ (you/take) photos with a digital camera?
- We _____ (not play) games online.
- Where _____ (you/go) to school?
- Jamie _____ (live) in London before he moved here.
- My dad _____ (not download) apps on his smartphone.
- What books _____ (you/read) when you were younger?
- My cousins _____ (share) videos of their pets.

3 ● ● Write questions for the answers.

- A: *Did you use to have* a smartwatch?
B: No, I didn't use to have a smartwatch.
- A: What time _____ to bed?
B: I used to go to bed at 8 p.m. when I was ten.
- A: Where _____?
B: I used to live in Manchester.
- A: Who _____ online games with?
B: I used to play online games with my friends in Canada.
- A: When _____ photos?
B: I used to take photos at the weekend.
- A: How often _____ to podcasts?
B: I used to listen to podcasts every day.

4 ● ● ● Complete the dialogue with the correct form of *used to* and the verbs below.

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- A: What ¹ *did you use to do* in your free time when you were young, Mum?
- B: Well, we ² _____ online games all day, that's for sure!
- A: Neither do we!
- B: Ha ha, I know. Well, I ³ _____ my friends at a café at the weekend, and then we ⁴ _____ what to do after that. Sometimes we went to the cinema, and sometimes we ⁵ _____ at the café and hang out with each other, talk about things, you know.
- A: What ⁶ _____ about?
- B: Oh, different things – teachers we liked at school, our plans, things like that. We ⁷ _____ online as much as you do these days. I think we saw a lot more of each other in person.
- A: Oh, that sounds nice.
- B: Yes, it was. We ⁸ _____ a lot of fun.
- A: ⁹ _____ a lot of time with your friends?
- B: Yes, I saw them every day!