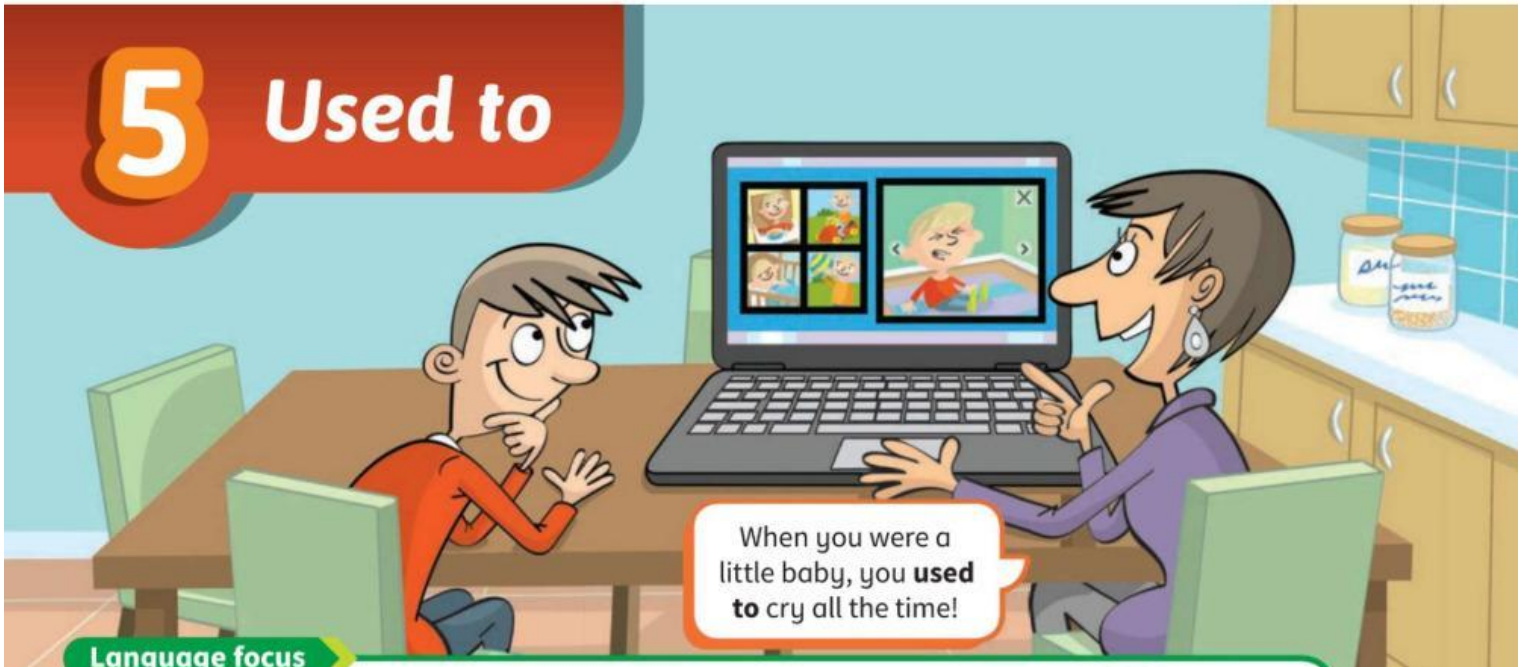
5 Used to



Language focus

Use **used to** to talk about things you did routinely in the past or the way things were in the past, e.g.

*My grandmother **used to** be a teacher. She **used to** teach Spanish.*

When we use **used to**, we are saying that things are different now:

*My sister **used to** play the piano. (She doesn't play it now.)*

*My brother **used to** draw cartoons. (He doesn't draw them now.)*

1 **Complete the sentences with the verbs from the box.**

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The other day, I was thinking about how things change. For example, I used to (1) have blonde hair when I was younger. It's dark now. My friends and I used to (2) _____ football every Saturday morning, but these days we never do that. I used to (3) _____ with my parents and brother in a small flat in the centre of our city, but now we live in a big house with a garden in a village outside the city. Dad used to (4) _____ for a newspaper, but now he works for a website. Mum used to (5) _____ a children's television programme called *Milkshake*, but now she writes stories. Grandad used to (6) _____ a police officer, but now he is retired. Nothing stays the same. It can be sad sometimes, but it keeps things interesting!

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2 **Are the sentences correct or incorrect? Correct the sentences you think are incorrect.**

1 David use to carry a walkie-talkie.

Incorrect. David used to carry a walkie-talkie.

2 Tina used to interview suspects.

_____ _____

3 Brian used to work in a police station.

_____ _____

4 Jerry used to wearing a uniform.

_____ _____

5 Chris using to catch criminals.

_____ _____

6 Jonathan used drive a fast car.

_____ _____

3 **Write sentences with *used to*. Then write what the person does or has now.**

1 Ceren used to play basketball.
Now she plays tennis.

2 Sandro _____

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3 Elena _____

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4 Sam _____

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