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Love at exit 19

1 Reading

a How do you think people usually meet friends and partners nowadays? Number the phrases 1- 5 (1 =the most popular). Then compare with a partner. Do you agree?

A ☐ at work

B ☐ at school or university

C ☐ on the internet (e.g. on forums, on social networking sites, etc.)

D ☐ in a bar, club, etc.

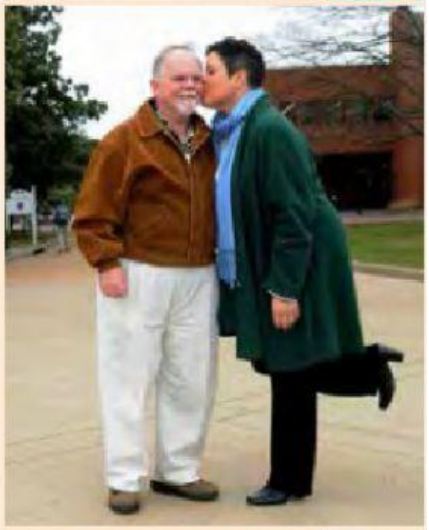
E ☐ through friends

b Read and listen to an article about Sonya Baker and Michael Fazio; Love at Exit 19. Why did their relationship nearly never happen?
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c Read the article again and number the events in the order they happened.

A. Michael changed his working hours. ☐
B. Michael tried to find Sonya. ☐
C. They got married. ☐
D. Sonya moved to New Jersey. ☐
E. Sonya gave Michael her phone number. ☐
F. Michael changed his working hours again. ☐
G. Sonya chatted to Michael. ☐
H. They stopped seeing each other. ☐
I. They had their first date. ☐
J. Sonya and Michael moved to Kentucky. ☐



d Read the article again and look at the highlighted words and phrases. Try to work out what they mean. Then match them with 1-10 below.

1 ..... a period of time worked by a group of workers
2 ..... a person who travels into a city to work every day
3 ..... attractive, good-looking (AmE)
4 ..... what had happened was
5 ..... manages
6 ..... probable
7 ..... sth which is used to give light, made of wax
8 ..... have short conversations
9 ..... they looked at each other romantically
10 ..... was brave enough

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2 Grammar; usually and used to

a Think of a couple you know well, e.g. your parents or friends. How did they meet? Do you know any couples who met in unusual circumstances?

b Listen to four people talking about where they met their partner. March each one with a place from 1a.

Speaker 1 ⬜ Speaker 2 ⬜ Speaker 3 ⬜ Speaker 4 ⬜

c Listen to each story again and take notes on how the people met. Compare your notes with your partner and listen again if necessary. Which meeting do you think was the most romantic?

d Look at two extracts from the listening. Answer the questions with a partner.

> We used to go to bars and clubs together on Saturday night.
> It used to be quite difficult to meet people.

1. When do we use ***used to***? How do you make negatives and questions?
2. How would you change these sentences (using usually) if you wanted to talk about present habits or situations?

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OPPORTUNITIES English!

• Learn more about usually and used to, and practise them.

present and past habits and states: usually and used to

1 I **usually get up** at 8.00 during the week.
I **don' t normally go out** during the week.
English houses **usually have** gardens. Do you normally walk to work?

For present habits we can use *usually* or *normally* +present simple. NOT I used to get up at 8. 00.

2 We **used to go** to France for our holidays when I was a child.
He **didn't use to do** any exercise, but now he runs marathons.
I **never used to like** football, but I watch it every week now.
We **used to be** close friends, but we don't talk to each other any more.
That building **used to be** a restaurant, but it closed down last year.
Did they **use to live** in the city centre?
Didn't you **use to have** long hair?

For past habits we use *used to / didn't use to* + infinitive.
• *used to* does not exist in the present tense. NOT I use to get up at 8.00 during the week.
• We use *used to* for things that were true over a period of time in the past. *Used to* often refers to something which is not true now.
I used to do a lot of sport. (= I did a lot of sport for a period of time in the past, but now I don't.)
• We often use *never used to* instead of *didn't use to*.
• *used to / didn't use to* can be used with action verbs (e.g. go, do) and non-action verbs (e.g. be, have).
• We can also use the past simple to describe past habits (often with an adverb of frequency).
We (often) went to France for our holidays when I was a child. I lived in the city centre until I got married.

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used to or past simple?

We can use *used to* or past simple for repeated actions or states, and the meaning is the same.

I used to live in Leeds as a child. / I lived in Leeds as a child.

But if the action happened only once, or we mention exact dates or number of times, we have to use past simple.

I went to Paris last year. NOT I used to go to Paris last year.

Jack caught the train to London four times last week. NOT Jack used to catch the train to London four times last week.

any more and any longer

We often use *not. .. any more / any longer* (= not now) with the present simple to contrast with used to.

I used to go to the gym, but I don't (go) any more / any longer.

be used to and get used to

Don't confuse *used to / didn't use to (do sth)* with *be used to* or *get used to (doing sth)*.

I **am used to getting up** early every day.

(= I am accustomed to it. I always do it so it is not a problem for me.)

Lola can't **get used to living** in the UK.

(= She can't get accustomed to it . It is a problem for her.)

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f Complete with **used to** and a verb from the list; **argue be get on go out have like speak spend wear work**

1 We …….…… a lot in common, but now we're completely different. +

2 I …….…… much time online, but now I'm addicted to Facebook. -

3 …….…… your fiance …….…… glasses? He looks different now. ?

4 I …….…… with my classmates, but now I spend all my time with my boyfriend. +

5 Where …….……your husband …….…… before he got the job in the bank? ?

6 My sister has lost a lot of weight. She …….…… so slim. -

7 …….…… you …….…… a lot with your parents when you were a teenager? ?

8 I …….…… Japanese food, but now I eat a lot of sushi. -

9 Laura …….…… well with her flatmate, but now they've fallen out. +

10 My ex …….…… to me, but now he calls me quite often. -

g Tick the correct sentences.

- ☐ 1 His parents used to split up after he was born.
- ☐ 2 Do you usually tell a close friend about your problems?
- ☐ 3 My sister didn't use to want children, but now she's got four!
- ☐ 4 I didn't used to like my maths teacher when I was at school.
- ☐ 5 They used to go on holiday every year.
- ☐ 6 That couple have three kids, so they don't used to go out at night.
- ☐ 7 Where did your parents use to meet when they first went out?
- ☐ 8 My husband use to work for a bank, but now he's unemployed.
- ☐ 9 We love the theatre. We usually go to a play at least once a month.

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3 Pronunciation & Speaking: linking

used to
Remember that *used to* and *use to* are normally linked and pronounced /ju:ste/.

a Listen and repeat the sentences. Copy the linking and the sentence rhythm.
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1 I used to live in London.
2 She didn't use to wear glasses.
3 Where did you use to work before?
4 They used to see each other a lot.
5 Didn't you use to have a beard?

b In pairs, tell each other about three of the following. Give as much information as you can. How do you feel about these people and things now?



Eg. I used to hate most vegetables, especially spinach and cauliflower, but now I love them and usually eat a lot of vegetables every day...

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