

Grammar

Past Simple

A: Where **did you go** yesterday?

B: I **went** to the shopping centre. I **wanted** to buy a new mobile phone but I **didn't find** a good one.

Used to

When mobile phones **were invented**, they **didn't use to be** small. They **used to be** big and heavy.

be / get used to

I know you **aren't used to using** the menu on your new phone yet, but you'll soon **get used to using** it. It's very easy.



C. Look at the highlighted words / phrases in the text and try to guess what they mean. Then match them with the meanings 1-7 below.

1. think of, suggest: _____
2. not strong: _____
3. easy to bend: _____
4. information: _____
5. group of people with special skills working together: _____
6. keep information: _____
7. gadget: _____

D. Read the text again and write T for True, F for False or NM for Not Mentioned.

1. DynaTAC phones weren't very popular when they first appeared in shops.
2. People complained about the heavy shoulder packs.
3. The first mobile phone was nicknamed 'dinosaur'.
4. You couldn't send SMS messages before the 1990s.
5. Videos from mobile phones of the Indian Ocean earthquake weren't allowed to be used on news programmes.
6. Smartphones became possible because of 3G network technology.
7. Solar-powered mobile phones will be available in the next ten years.

E. Discuss.

- What would life be like without mobile phones?
- What would you like mobile phones to be able to do in the future?

Project

Make a timeline presenting the evolution of the mobile phone. Use information from the text and do some research on the Internet to find important dates and pictures showing how mobile phones have changed over the years. Present your timeline to the class.

Choose a, b or c.

1. Eddie and Mike _____ be good friends, but they don't talk to each other any more.
a. use to b. used to c. were used to
2. A: Why _____ hang up on me last night?
B: Because I couldn't hear you. The signal was very weak.
a. you b. did you c. did you use to
3. A: How can you study while listening to such loud music?
B: I _____ it.
a. used to b. be used to c. 'm used to
4. A: I almost crashed my new car again today. I can't get used _____ it!
B: Don't worry. It takes time.
a. driving b. to driving c. to drive
5. A: Did you remember to call Grandma yesterday?
B: No, I _____ have time to speak to anyone yesterday.
A: But it was her birthday!
a. didn't b. wasn't used to c. didn't use to
6. A few years ago, Larry _____ work for a computer company. Now he works in a bank.
a. used to b. didn't c. was used to
7. I _____ my grandparents twice a week when I was young.
a. visit b. use to visit c. visited
8. Nowadays, teenagers _____ to sending text messages to their friends instead of calling them.
a. got used b. used c. are used