

Grammar Reference

REFERENCIA GRAMATICAL: There was: había (singular)

There were: habían (plural)

There was/There were

- The structure *there + be* in the past indicates something that existed or occurred in the past.

	Singular	Plural	Examples:
Affirmative	There was	There were	<i>There was a lot of snow and ice on Everest in 1989. There were many trees near my house when I was little.</i>
Negative	There was not (= wasn't)	There were not (= weren't)	<i>There wasn't an agreement. There weren't birds flying.</i>
Interrogative	Was there	Were there	<i>Was there a conference in Bali years ago? Were there dirty rivers around here?</i>

Used to

Used to: Solía/solían/solíamos: una rutina que hacíamos en el pasado

- The structure *used to* indicates something that happened regularly in the past but doesn't happen anymore. It is followed by a verb in the base form.

		Examples:
Affirmative	Used to	<i>I used to swim in the river when I was 8. Rivers used to be clean when she was a kid.</i>
Negative	Did not (= didn't) use to	<i>Pollution didn't use to be a problem in small cities. They didn't use to climb trees when they were little.</i>
Interrogative	Did (it) use to	<i>What did you use to do on the weekends? Where did you use to go with your parents?</i>

Word List

Look at the words on the list and complete them with missing vowels.

f__ss__l f__el

m__ss t__rism

p__llut__on

p__wer pl__nt

r__ads and h__ses

s__wag__

w__ste

w__ldl__fe tr__d__