

## GRAMMAR Used to and Past Simple

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Our street **used to be** full of traffic. (past state/situation)

Our street **was** full of traffic.

We **didn't use to go** outside much. (past habit/regular action)

We **didn't go** outside much.

**Did** you **use to play** here? Yes, I **did**/No, I **didn't**.

Where **did** he **use to play**?

**Past Simple**

I **spoke** to him yesterday. (single action in the past)

## 1 ● Match the sentence halves.

- 1 ☒ I didn't use to like many vegetables,
- 2 ☐ We used to throw away all our rubbish,
- 3 ☐ We used to use a lot of oil for fuel in my country,
- 4 ☐ Sara didn't use to work hard at school,
- 5 ☐ Paula used to throw away litter,
- a but now she studies all the time.
- b but now we use more renewable energy.
- c but now she always puts it in the recycling bin.
- d ~~but now I like most of them.~~
- e but these days we recycle nearly everything.

2 ● Complete the sentences with the correct form of **used to** and the verbs below.

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- 1 My dad **used to play** football for a club when he was younger.
- 2 Where \_\_\_\_\_ (you) before you moved to this street?
- 3 My grandparents \_\_\_\_\_ TV much when they were children.
- 4 We \_\_\_\_\_ a recycling centre in our town, so it was difficult to recycle anything.
- 5 We \_\_\_\_\_ everywhere by car, but now we use public transport a lot more.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ (there) a lot of smoke in the air here before they closed the factory?

3 ● Rewrite the sentences using **used to**.

- 1 When I was little, I played with toys every day.  
*When I was little, I **used to play with toys** every day.*
- 2 My grandparents' generation didn't recycle rubbish.  
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- 3 Did you play video games every day when you were younger?  
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- 4 When he was my age, my dad worked in a shop at the weekend.  
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- 5 My aunt lived on a boat when she was a teenager.  
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4 ● Complete the text with the correct form of **used to** or the Past Simple and the verbs in brackets. If both are possible, use **used to**.RECYCLING  
through the ages

Many people think that recycling is a new thing, but in fact, some people <sup>1</sup> **used to recycle** (recycle) things in 400 BC! Scientists recently <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (discover) that people in Turkey reused glass thousands of years ago. And in 1031, the Japanese <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (recycle) paper for the first time.

In times when people were poor, they <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not throw) things away. Just before the industrial revolution (1760–1830), people <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (melt) and recycle metals. But during the industrial revolution, things suddenly <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (become) cheaper and easier to make, so there was less recycling.

Nowadays, we recycle because we know more about environmental problems. So while our ancestors <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (recycle) because they had to, we now recycle because we should.