

GRAMMAR *Used to and Past Simple***Used to and Past Simple***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.

3 Did you play video games every day when you were younger?

4 When he was my age, my dad worked in a shop at the weekend.

5 My aunt lived on a boat when she was a teenager.

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 ¹ *used to recycle* (recycle) things in 400 BC! Scientists recently ² (discover) that people in Turkey reused glass thousands of years ago. And in 1031, the Japanese ³ (recycle) paper for the first time.

In times when people were poor, they ⁴ (not throw) things away. Just before the industrial revolution (1760–1830), people ⁵ (melt) and recycle metals. But during the industrial revolution, things suddenly ⁶ (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 ⁷ (recycle) because they had to, we now recycle because we should.