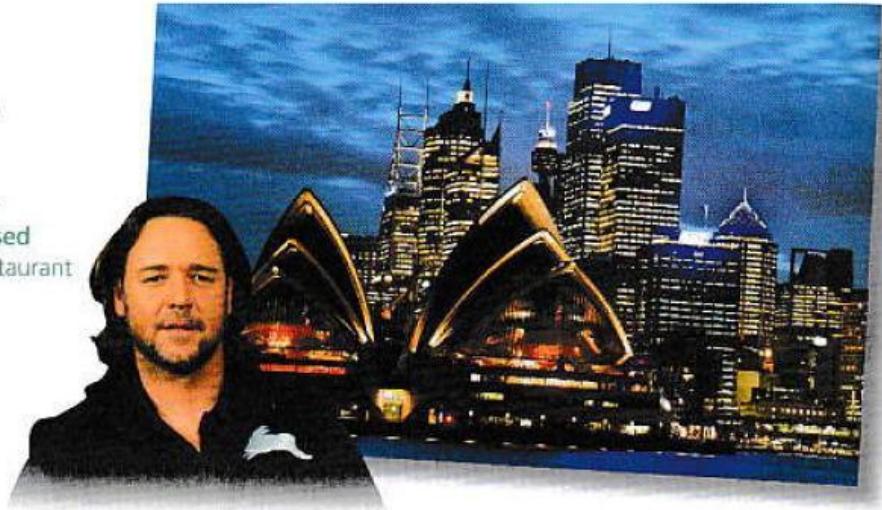


49 used to

Hollywood actor Russell Crowe used to work in a restaurant in Sydney.



1 Form

	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	
I/He/She/It/We/You/They	used to work	did not (didn't) use to work	in a shop.
QUESTIONS			SHORT ANSWERS
Did I/he/she/it/we/you/they use to work here?	Yes, (he) did.		No, (we) didn't.

⚠ There is no present form of *used to*:

✗ *I use to go to work by bus.*

✓ *I usually go to work by bus.*

2 Use

We use *used to* for:

- for actions that happened regularly in the past but do not happen now:
People used to write a lot of letters. (but now they send emails)
- to say how often we did things in the past (with *always*, *once a week*, *every year*, etc.):
I always used to swim before breakfast.
We used to go to the beach every summer.
- for past situations that are different now:
Russell Crowe used to be a waiter. (but now he is an actor)
My parents didn't use to live in the city. (but now they live in the city)
When I was a child I used to have a pet rabbit.
Where did you use to go on holiday when you were young?

We pronounce the *s* in *used to* as /s/ not /z/. We do not pronounce the final *d*: /ju:stə/.

3 Past simple or *used to*?

⚠ We use the past simple, NOT *used to*

- for single actions in the past:
✗ *I used to have a driving lesson last week.*
✓ *I had a driving lesson last week.* (a single action = past simple)
- for repeated actions in the past with a number:
✗ *I used to have a driving lesson twice last week.*
✓ *I had a driving lesson twice last week.* (a repeated action = past simple)
- to talk about a period of time with *for*:
✗ *He used to be in the army for two years.*
✓ *He was in the army for two years.*

Practice

1 Read the information.

Then complete the answers below.

0 How are films different?

Films used to be in
black and white but
now they are in colour.

	IN THE PAST	NOW
0 films	in black and white	in colour
1 cameras	big and heavy	small and light
2 phones	attached to wires	mobile
3 transport	ride horses	drive cars
4 work	work on farms	work in factories and offices
5 children	finish school at 12	finish school at 16
6 location	live in the country	live in towns
7 entertainment	go to the cinema	watch TV and DVDs

1 What about cameras? Cameras

2 What about phones? Phones

3 How is transport different? People

4 Do people work in the same places as in the past?

No, most people

5 What about schools? Children

6 Do people live in the same places as in the past?

No, most people

7 What about entertainment? People

2 Find the mistakes in the sentences and correct them.

Did 0 Were people use to smoke inside cinemas in the 1950s?

1 Films didn't used to have sound but now they do.

2 Did use to be cameras very expensive?

3 Harrison Ford used to being a carpenter before he became a film star.

4 Glenda Jackson use to be a film actress but now she is a politician.

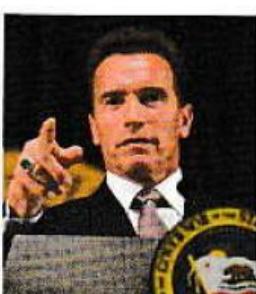
5 Did Bruce Willis used to have a lot of hair?

6 It wasn't use to be expensive to go to the cinema but now it is.

3 GRAMMAR IN USE Choose the correct words in *italics* in the text.

The politician who used to be a film star

Arnold Schwarzenegger's life is very different today. He (0) *use* / *used* to be an actor but now he is a politician. These days he lives in California but he (1) *didn't live* / *didn't use to live* there, he used to (2) *live* / *living* in Austria. He (3) *had* / *use to have* an Austrian passport for many years but he (4) *got* / *used to get* an



American passport in 1983 when he (5) *became* / *used to become* a US citizen.

When he was young he (6) *wasn't use to be* / *didn't use to be* interested in politics – his

main interest was exercise and he (7) *used to spend* / *used spend* hours in the gym every day, building his muscles. He was very successful and he (8) *won* / *used to win* the Mr Universe competition five times. ■