

ENGLISH GRAMMAR

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Used to + base verb

Use the modal **used to** when talking about past events that no longer occur.

Point 1: We often use **used to** when asked about present activities.

(Q) Do you play golf?

(A) I **used to** play but not anymore. I don't have time.

(Q) Do you play any instruments?

(A) Not really. I **used to** play the guitar but not anymore.

Point 2: We often use the phrase **not anymore** to clarify that the action does not happen presently.

(Q) Do you cook much?

(A) Not anymore. I **used to** though.

(Q) Do you see your friend from school?

(A) Not really. We **used to** meet once a week but now we are too busy with life.

Point 3: In a Yes/No question, we can omit the verb and reply by with just **used to** followed by **but** and a reason.

(Q) Do you study French?

(A) I **used to** but I gave up.

(Q) Do you you and your family travel much?

(A) We **used to** but now we don't have time.



Task # 1.

Instructions: Listen to the next audio and then choose the correct answer.



1) The used to ride on the back of ____.

- a) their parents
- b) animals
- c) a vehicle

2) Todd says they used to ____ their trash.

- a) bury
- b) burn
- c) sell

3) She used to go to the ____.

- a) dump
- b) dock
- c) dairy

4) They used to have commercials about ____.

- a) driving safe
- b) smoking cigarettes
- c) burning trash

5) They used to store food in ____.

- a) cans
- b) jars
- c) boxes

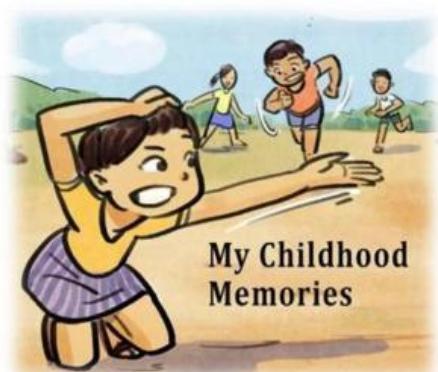


Task # 2

Instructions: Watch the video and then choose the correct answer.

Childhood memories

1. Based on the audio, the kids 'grandmother used to have _____.
A. long hair
B. short hair
C. wavy hair
D. straight hair
2. Based on the audio, the kids 'grandmother used to be _____.
A. shy and pretty
B. serious and ugly
C. playful and talkative
D. outgoing and smart
3. What did the grandmother use play? She used to play _____.
A. hopscotch
B. hide and seek
C. baseball and marbles
D. tag



4. What was another game grandmother used to play?

- A. Mom and Dads
- B. leapfrog
- C. tag
- D. hoop rolling

5. What did the grandfather use play? He used to play_____.

- A. Chinese whispers
- B. jumping rope
- C. hopscotch
- D. blind man's buff

6. What did the grandfather use to do when people came to his house? He used to _____.

- A. say hi and welcome them
- B. hide in the closet
- C. hit them with a ball
- D. cry a lot

7. What did the grandfather use to do in his neighborhood ? He would _____.

- A. walk around
- B. break windows
- C. ring door bells
- D. ride his bike

8. What did the grandfather use to do ride ? He would ride_____.

- A. brave horses
- B. cheap bicycles
- C. wooden scooters
- D. an expensive motorcycle

9. What did the grandfather use to make with paper? He would make_____.

- A. planes
- B. boats
- C. scooters
- D. houses

10. What did the grandmother use to practice when she was a child? She would practice_____.

- A. karate
- B. basketball
- C. ballet
- D. Spanish

11. What sport did the grandfather use to practice? He would practice_____.

- A. soccer
- B. basketball
- C. boxing
- D. dodgeball

12. Based on the audio, children use to_____.

- A. hate their teachers
- B. ignore their instructors
- C. obey their teachers
- D. cut classes

13. How did teachers use to punish naughty students? Teachers used to_____.

- A. hit their students with a ruler
- B. give their students more homework
- C. call students' parents
- D. ask students to go out of the classroom

14. What kind of clothe did students use to wear? They used to wear_____.

- A. uniforms
- B. everyday clothe
- C. formal clothe
- D. a black hat

15. What did students use to do to have lunch? They used to _____.

- A. eat at the cafeteria
- B. ask for a delivery
- C. take their own food
- D. have lunch in the classroom

16. According to the audio, did students use to do homework?

- A. No, they didn't.
- B. Yes, they did. But it was ilegal.
- C. Sure, they used to do homework.
- D. Only on weekends



17. According to the audio, how did the grandmother use to go to school? She used to_____.

- A. walk
- B. take the bus
- C. ride her bicycle
- D. take a taxi

18. According to the audio, how did the grandfather use to go to school? He used to_____.

- A. run
- B. go jogging
- C. go by bus
- D. walk

19. According to the audio, did the grandparents use to use a computer?

- A. Yes, but it was very old and slow.
- B. No, they didn't.
- C. Yes, they did.
- D. No, they damaged it

20. Wow did the grandparents use to keep in touch with their friends? They_____.

- A. used to go to a phone booth.
- B. used to write an e-mail.
- C. didn't use to keep in touch with their friends.
- D. didn't use to have many friends in town.

21. What exactly did the grandmother use to do in the evenings? She used to_____.

- A. study Japanese
- B. watch TV
- C. help her father in the farm
- D. study English with teacher Marlon

22. What exactly did the grandparents use to eat when they were kids? She would eat_____.

- A. milk and chocolate
- B. cheese and hamburgers
- C. vegetables and fruits
- D. pizza and hot dogs