USED TO

USES:

- To describe EVENTS or situations that happened in the Past but do not happen now.

  EX. I used to share a flat with friends, but now I have got my own house.
- Used to also refers to a past habit. We use the present simple to talk about Present habits.

  EX. He used to smoke. He doesn`t smoke now.
- We use the past simple , not used to , to describe how long a situation continued.

  EX. I lived in London for 3 years

Practice

1. Write sentences about what you USED TO DO and DIDN'T USE TO DO when you were 10 years old.

   a. I used to live in Paris, but now I live in London.
   b. .....
   c. .....
   d. .....
   e. .....
   f. .....
   g. .....
   h. .....
   i. .....

2. Correct these sentences.

   a. Did you used to have your own firm? use
   b. They used drive to work but now they take the train.
   c. We not use to work shifts but now we do.
   d. I use to work for an airline office.
   e. Did she use to work as a deputy manager? Yes, she worked.
   f. I used to smoke for ten years.
   g. I use to enjoy watching cartoons when I was a child.
   h. They don't use to like attending training courses.
   i. How did you used to travel to work?
   j. I usually go to the cinema at the weekends.

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3. Make sentences with the prompts and USED TO or DIDN'T USE TO about the life in your country.

   a. ...the average life expectancy was 47. People / die earlier **People used to die earlier.**

   b. ...only 14% of the homes had a bathtube. Houses / have baths.

   c. ...the maximum speed limit in most cities was 10mph. Cars / go so fast

   d. ...the average wage was $022/hour. Workers / earn a lot less

   e. ...more than 95% of all births happened at home. Women / have babies / at hospital

   f. ...only 6% of all young people were high school graduates. Most teenagers / go / high school

   g. ...there were only about 230 reported murders in the country. Be / much less crime

4. Write sentences using the prompts .

   a. Since 1973, the number of marriages has decreased.

   People used to get married more in the 70s.

   b. Nowadays people get married when they are older.

   c. There is an increase in the number of people who live together without getting married.

   d. More young people continue their education after school.

   e. The number of couple who get divorced has gone up a lot.

   f. The average age for divorce is lower.

5. What DID / DIDN'T each person USE TO DO when they were young? Write sentences.

   a. John – drive a car (x) / ride a bike (v)

   b. Lucy – wear dresses (v) / wear t-shirts and jeans (x)

   c. I – have long hair (v) / have short hair (x)

   d. Tim – go sailing (v) / go jet skiing (x)

   e. Sam – have a radio (v) / have a computer (x)

   f. They – play football (v) / computer games.(x)

   g. My mother – clean the house (v) / my room.(x)

   h. My father – drive a truck (x) / the taxi (v).

   i. You – watch TV (x) / watch DVDs (x).

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