

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

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

- I used to live in Paris, but now I live in London.
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- Correct these sentences.

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



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 bathtub. 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).

