LANGUAGE IN ACTION

used to











1 ☆ **Match sentences 1–6 with a–f.**

1 I used to live in the countryside. [c]
2 I didn't use to like coffee. [ ]
3 I used to be really shy. [ ]
4 I used to like going to the gym. [ ]
5 I used to eat a lot of fast food. [ ]
6 I didn't use to have many friends. [ ]

a Now I don't have time.
b Now I think it's unhealthy.
c I live in a city now.
d Now I have lots.
e I'm much more confident these days.
f Now I have a cup every morning.

2 ☆ **Complete the text with *used to* or *didn't use to*.**

When I was very young, I [1] *used to* want to be a swimming teacher, because I loved swimming and I [2] _____ like our sports teacher. Sometimes, I [3] _____ want to be an astronaut as well, because I really liked space. When I got older, I started to get interested in computers. We [4] _____ have a good computer at home, only a very old one, but then my dad decided to buy a really good one. My parents [5] _____ let me spend much time on the computer – just a few hours a week. When I was 13, I started learning how to write my own games. I [6] _____ know how to do that before, but I had a great teacher at school who showed me how. In the future, I'd like to be a games developer!

3 ☆☆ **Look at the photos. Complete the sentences with the correct form of *used to*.**

1 I *didn't use to like ice cream*, but now I love it!
2 I _____, but I play tennis now.
3 I _____, but now I want to be a teacher.
4 I _____, but I have one now.
5 I _____. Now I have a new one.

4 ☆☆ **Put the words in the correct order to make questions with *used to*.**

1 you / use / to / Did / mobile phones / have / ?
Did you use to have mobile phones?
2 did / How / communicate / with / people / use / to / you / ?
_____
3 free / in / your / What / you / did / use / do / to / time / ?
_____
4 old / use / people / What / you / think / did / of / to / ?
_____

5 ☆☆ **Complete the answers to the questions from Exercise 4. Use the correct form of *used to* and the verbs in the box.**

be do have (x2) read send think (x2)

1 Well, no. I got my first mobile phone 15 years ago. Before that, we *didn't use to have* the internet or even computers. We _____ a phone at home, of course.
2 We _____ letters, phone each other or just meet up a lot. Life _____ calmer then.
3 I watched TV. I _____ a lot of books, too. A lot of people now go shopping. We _____ that because we didn't have the money.
4 Good question! I _____ about them at all! I _____ I couldn't get old. I still don't think I'm old!

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