



GRAMMAR

Past simple & used to

1 Read about the uses of the past simple and used to.

Past simple

- something that started and finished in the past, often with a definite time expression
*She **Painted** the walls in her bedroom yesterday.*
- past habits and things that we did regularly in the past
*I **played** video games in my room on Sunday mornings.*
- things that happened one after the other in the past
*Kyle **walked** into the kitchen, **washed** his hands and **made** a sandwich.*

Time expressions: yesterday, yesterday morning/afternoon/evening, last night/week/month/year/autumn, the other day, five minutes/days/years ago, in 2011/August, on 7th January/my birthday, at the weekend, on Mondays, on Sunday mornings, every five or six weeks/months/years, etc

Used to

- past habits and things we did regularly in the past, but that we no longer do
*We **used to do** our homework right after school.*
- situations or states that were true in the past, but are not true now
*Stella **used to have** a sink in her bedroom!*

Notice how *used to* becomes *use to* in negative sentences and questions.

*Tina **used to spend** a lot of time in her bedroom.*
*David **didn't use to live** in Wales.*
*Did the boys **use to fight** a lot?*

2 Read these sentences. Which one is wrong? Cross it out and explain why it is wrong.

- 1 Did you used to share a bedroom with your sister?
- 2 We didn't use to live in Glasgow, but we do now.

Read 2.1-2.2 of the Grammar Reference before you do the tasks.

3 Complete the sentences. Use the past simple.

- 1 My sisters _____ (tidy) their bedroom the other day.
- 2 _____ (Alex / buy) new pillows last week?
- 3 I _____ (not choose) the furniture for my room.
- 4 My grandmother _____ (make) breakfast for her family on Sunday mornings.
- 5 We _____ (go) into the shop, _____ (look) at the paint and _____ (think) about what colour to get.
- 6 You _____ (not eat) healthy food when you were younger.

4 Complete the sentences with these verbs and the correct form of used to.

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- 1 I _____ the guitar very well, but I do now.
- 2 _____ Claudia _____ a lot of time with her friends at the weekends?
- 3 The baby _____ milk every two or three hours, but it doesn't now.
- 4 Steven _____ his grandparents every summer – he loved it!
- 5 _____ you _____ for tests on your bed?
- 6 Peter and Angela _____ their rooms tidy when they were teenagers.

Relative pronouns

5 Read about relative pronouns.

Relative pronouns (*who, which, whose, that*) introduce relative clauses. Relative clauses give us more information about the subject or the object of a sentence. We use

- **who/that** for people.
*That's the woman **who** grew up on a farm.*
*That's the woman **that** grew up on a farm.*
- **which/that** for animals and things.
*The photos **which** I took are beautiful!*
*The photos **that** I took are beautiful!*
- **whose** for possession.
*The man **whose** laundry I do dropped by this morning.*

6 Read these sentences. In which sentence could we use *that* instead of the relative pronoun?

- 1 The girl whose phone I used is very nice.
- 2 That's the window which Tony broke by accident.

Read 2.3 of the Grammar Reference before you do the tasks.

7 Circle the correct words.

- 1 That's the boy **whose** / **that** digital camera I used.
- 2 People **that** / **which** live on farms usually eat healthy food.
- 3 The girl **who** / **whose** phone I fixed is in my class at school.
- 4 My cousin did the dishes **that** / **whose** were on the table.
- 5 This is the film **which** / **who** we watched last night.
- 6 What is the name of the man **who** / **which** sold you the house?
- 7 My friends and I believe that teenagers **whose** / **that** have their own room are very lucky.
- 8 There's the cat **that** / **who** hasn't got a home.

8 Match 1-5 with a-e.

- 1 My bedroom is the space ☐
- 2 Uncle George is the person ☐
- 3 The woman ☐
- 4 There's the dog ☐
- 5 That's the teacher ☐

- a who helped Mum decorate the flat.
- b that lets us play video games in class!
- c that I like to spend time in best!
- d whose name is Hilda painted our kitchen.
- e which belongs to my neighbour.

