

Past Perfect

Choose the action that happened first in each sentence.

- 0 My parents had never reused plastic bags before I *told* them about plastic pollution.
- 1 We *recycled* the plastic bottle when we *had drunk* the water.
- 2 After our teacher *had told* us about global warming, we all *decided* to save electricity in the classroom.
- 3 *Had you already finished* your project about electric cars when you *read* the magazine article?
- 4 Before she *watched* the documentary on TV, Marta *hadn't realised* that the gorilla was an endangered animal.

Complete the text with the Past Perfect or Past Simple form of the verbs in brackets.

Yesterday, our teacher gave (give) us some old things like empty crisp packets and toothpaste tubes. He _____ (explain) that he _____ (not throw) them away because he _____ (want) us to come up with ideas for recycling them. What _____ (we/make)? We _____ (create) a pencil holder with the toothpaste tubes and used crisps packets to make wrapping paper. When we _____ (finish), we had an exhibition in the classroom.

Used to and Past Simple

Choose the correct answer to complete the text. If both forms are possible, use *used to*.

Let me tell you how my city has changed in recent years. It never *was* / *used to be* a clean place, but today it is very 'green'. People use their bikes to travel around and there is lots of public transport, including electric buses. Last year, the local council *used to decide* / *decided* not to allow cars in many parts of the city centre. Why *did they do* / *did they use to do* this? It's because they *wanted* / *used to want* to reduce pollution. In the past, things were very different! People *used to drive* / *drove* their cars everywhere, and most people *didn't use to take* / *didn't take* public transport.

Complete the dialogue with *used to* or the Past Simple and the verbs in brackets. If both forms are possible, use *used to*.

- Alisha:** I *used to hike* (hike) in the countryside every weekend, but I don't do it as often these days.
- Kyle:** Why is that?
- Alisha:** Well, I think that people don't respect the environment as much as they used to. I _____ (collect) any rubbish I saw on all my walks. There has always been a little bit. But the last time my brother and I _____ (go) walking in the mountains, there was rubbish everywhere. It was like a waste dump.
- Kyle:** Oh no. _____ (you/pick up) any of the rubbish?
- Alisha:** My brother _____ (put) lots of it in the bin and I helped him. It's so sad. Most people _____ (not leave) a trace when they visited the countryside, but I think things have changed now. The countryside has become a mess!