USED TO & DIDN'T USE TO

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We use **USED TO/DIDN'T USE TO** to talk about past habits and old routines.
(In Spanish we say "solía hacer tal cosa"). We use it when:

- ✓ the state or action lasted for some time, or happened repeatedly.
- ✓ the state or action doesn't happen now.
- ✓ the state or action happened a long time ago.

For example:

- ✻ *I **used to walk** to school, but now I cycle.*
- ✻ *He **used to go** to that restaurant a lot.*
- ✻ ***Did** you **use to swim** every day?*
- ✻ *I **didn't use to like** cheese, but now I love it.*

For more information, check the **grammar reference** on page 113

1. Read the article and write the correct names to complete the sentences.
Then complete the article with **used to** or **didn't use** to and the verbs in brackets.

_____ wrote Harry Potter.
_____ started Starbucks.
_____ founded the famous Cirque du Soleil.

INSPIRATIONAL PEOPLE







These three inspirational people had a dream - to change their lives. But what **did** their lives **use to be** like? Read on and find out!

Howard Schultz's family [1]_____ (have) much money. But Howard [2]_____ (dream) of a different kind of life. Fortunately, he was good at sports and he won a scholarship to go to university. Then he started work at a coffee company.

JK Rowling [3]_____ (be) one of the richest women in the UK or an important supporter of charities. In fact, she [4]_____ (live) in a small apartment in Edinburgh, Scotland. And there she created the character of a young wizard.

Guy Laliberté [5]_____ (manage) a famous company. In fact, he [6]_____ (play) the accordion on the streets. And he [7]_____ (perform) tricks such as eating fire and walking on stilts.

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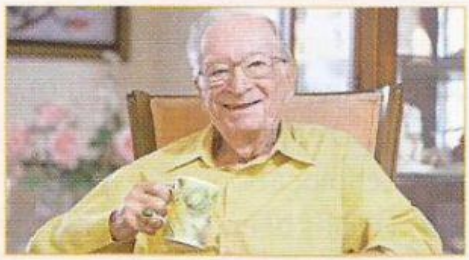
2. Read the text. Put the words in order to make questions.





Hi guys,

This is my interview with my granddad about his early life. He lived in Italy until he was 16. Then his family moved to London in 1964. His name's Giacomo, but we call him Granddad Jack!

Tilly

DRAG & DROP THE WORDS IN ORDER

1. did | Italy | where | use to | you | live | in | ?

2. use to | your | parents | what | do | did | ?

3. live | a house | you | did | in | use to | ?

4. you | did | a musical instrument | play | use to | ?

5. did | music | you | what | listen to | sort of | use to | ?

6. did | free time | use to | you | what | in | your | do | ?

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3. Match the questions in exercise 2 with these answers. Then complete them with used to or didn't use to and the verbs below.

hang out **listen to** **live (x2)** **play (x2)** **send** **work**

A. No, we _____. We _____ in an apartment in the city centre.

B. Well, I liked classical music when I was a boy, so I _____ that. But my tastes changed later on!

C. Well, I _____ video games all the time.
And I _____ text messages to my friends! I _____ with my friends a lot and have fun. We were boys!

D. My dad _____ in a bank. My mum did all the work at home!

E. We _____ in Genova, a city in the north of Italy.

F. I _____ the piano. When I got to London, I bought an electric guitar!

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