

USED TO – Pronunciation and Listening Practice

Part 1

Pronunciation

Reduction of *used to* and *use to*

CD 2-21 ► **Task 1**

Listen and repeat.

1. There didn't *use to* be a lot of jobs.
2. We *used to* hear the cars all day and night.
3. The kids *used to* skateboard in the street.
4. I *used to* eat out a lot.
5. There *used to* be a supermarket here.
6. There didn't *use to* be any industry here.

► **Task 2**

Read the sentences to a partner. Be sure to reduce *used to* and *use to*.

Dictation

CD 2-22 ► **Task 1**

Listen to the conversation. Write the missing words.

- A: This city has changed so much in the _____.
- B: What do you mean?
- A: Well, there _____ be anything for kids to do after school, but now there's a great after-school program at the community center.
- B: That's true. There are a lot of fun things for kids to do now.
- A: Also, _____ be a lot of crime downtown, and there didn't use to be a lot of good restaurants there.
- B: Yeah. It's safe downtown now, and there are _____ places to eat.

Part 2

CD 2-18 **Listening 1**

People are describing their cities. What topic are they talking about?
Listen and circle the correct answer.

1. a. the economy
 b. the traffic
2. a. the safety
 b. the shopping
3. a. places for children
 b. the public transportation
4. a. the economy
 b. the cleanliness
5. a. the safety
 b. the restaurants
6. a. the noise
 b. the air quality