

I used to ...

Grammar Tip:

- We use **used to** to talk about **past habits** that were **true in the past but are not true now**.
- Pattern: **used to + base verb**. It is **only used in the past**.
- Look at the examples:
She **didn't use to / used to be** so serious when she was younger.
Did you use to like dancing when you were fifteen years old?

Practice:

1. Complete the table.

POSITIVE FORM	NEGATIVE FORM	QUESTION
<i>I used to work out at this gym. (Example)</i>	<i>I didn't use to work out at this gym. (Example)</i>	<i>Did I use to work out at this gym? (Example)</i>
	You didn't use to have many friends at school.	
		Did he use to visit her grandparents at the weekends?
She used to be my best friend.		
	It didn't use to be a cinema earlier.	
		Did we use to have dinner at six every evening?
You used to wear that stupid hat every day.		
	They didn't use to be our neighbours in London.	

2. Match the beginning of each sentence with the correct ending.

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| 1) I used to go to school here ... | a) ___ until computer games became popular. |
| 2) I never used to get up on time ... | b) ___ until I gave up smoking. |
| 3) This used to be a small town ... | c) ___ when I was young in the 1950s. |
| 4) I didn't use to understand Maths ... | d) ___ until I bought an alarm clock. |
| 5) Children used to play outdoors much more ... | e) ___ before I moved to New York. |
| 6) I didn't use to eat many sweets ... | f) ___ before oil was discovered here. |
| 7) I used to live in the countryside ... | g) ___ when we had a terrible teacher. |

3. Complete with used to or didn't use to and a verb below:

■ be ■ have ■ like ■ speak ■ wear ■ work ■ be ■ wear

- 1) Sheila used to have blue hair. Now it's her natural colour. (Example)
- 2) I _____ glasses. Now I wear them all the time.
- 3) My brother _____ an earring. He doesn't anymore.
- 4) Nicole Kidman and Tom Cruise _____ married. They divorced in 2001.
- 5) My father _____ in a bank. He worked there for two years.
- 6) My brother _____ English. Now he is fluent.
- 7) My sister _____ the Spice Girls. Now she prefers Alicia Keys.
- 8) E-mail _____ very common. Now everybody uses it.

4. Rewrite each sentence or question with used to.

- a) I was in the school tennis team. (Example)
I used to be in the school tennis team
- b) Sophie had long hair when she was at school.
- c) Mary didn't listen when her teachers were speaking.
- d) What did you usually do on Saturday evenings?
- e) My brother wore glasses when he was small.
- f) Becky wasn't afraid of dogs when she was a girl.
- g) Did you live next door to Mrs. Harrison?
- h) Paul spoke Italian well but he has forgotten it.