

GRAMMAR: *used to* and *usually*

1 Complete the sentences with *used to*, *use to*, or *usually*.

- When Joe was younger, he _____ go to a country school.
- Our family didn't _____ have a car.
- My father _____ came home from work at six.
- The horses _____ slept in their stable at night.
- Grandma _____ get angry if we were late for dinner.
- Did Joe _____ live in the U.S.?
- Hamida didn't _____ be so adventurous.
- Did Miriam _____ have long hair?
- Our family _____ went to Italy in summer.
- My parents _____ grow all their own vegetables years ago.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box. Use *used to* where possible.

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- When I was younger, I _____ to the movies at least once a week.
- _____ Gina _____ on the same hockey team as you?
- Luiza _____ Petar three years ago, I think.
- Laura's family _____ a television.
- I _____ cheese, but I absolutely love it now!
- We always _____ my brother with his homework.
- Arjun _____ the game on TV last night.
- _____ your parents _____ you stay out late when you were a teenager?
- Henry often _____ for his little sister.
- Andrew and Lottie _____ any exercise at all.

3 Complete the conversation with *usually* or the correct form of *used to* and the verbs in parentheses. Some items have two answers.



A This is the house where we ¹ _____ (live) when I was little. I ² _____ (share) a bedroom with both of my sisters.

B Wow, three of you in one room!

A Yes. People ³ _____ (not live) in such small houses nowadays, do they? But my parents didn't mind. My mom ⁴ _____ (say) that more rooms just meant more housework for her to do!

B That's one way to look at it, I suppose! But I think people ⁵ _____ (prefer) bigger houses because they're more comfortable, don't you?

A ⁶ _____ (share) a room with your brothers?

B Yes, I did. Mom ⁷ _____ (get) really annoyed with us because we stayed up so late, talking and laughing. And then we ⁸ _____ (fall) asleep in class and get into trouble!

A You were lucky! My sisters ⁹ _____ (not talk) to me very much – they were much older than me. But I ¹⁰ _____ (not mind), though. I was happy reading my books.

PRONUNCIATION: Sentence stress

4 2.4 Read the sentences and underline the syllables you think will be stressed. Listen and check.

- I used to love her visits.
- Did Rod use to play with you?
- We didn't use to watch TV.
- Did Katie use to help you?
- Megan didn't use to come with us.
- The teachers used to yell a lot.
- Zoe used to play the piano.
- Lucas didn't use to ride a bike.
- Did your teacher use to be late a lot?
- Maria didn't use to like swimming.