

## 2-11 EXPRESSING PAST HABIT: *USED TO*

<p>(a) I <b>used to live</b> with my parents. Now I live in my own apartment.</p> <p>(b) Ann <b>used to be</b> afraid of dogs, but now she likes dogs.</p> <p>(c) Al <b>used to smoke</b>, but he doesn't anymore.</p>	<p><b>Used to</b> expresses a past situation or habit that no longer exists at present.</p> <p>FORM: <b>used to</b> + the simple form of a verb</p>
<p>(d) <b>Did</b> you <b>used to live</b> in Paris? (OR <b>Did</b> you <b>use to live</b> in Paris?)</p>	<p>QUESTION FORM: <b>did</b> + subject + <b>used to</b> (OR <b>did</b> + subject + <b>use to</b>)*</p>
<p>(e) I <b>didn't used to drink</b> coffee at breakfast, but now I always have coffee in the morning. (OR I <b>didn't use to drink</b> coffee.)</p> <p>(f) I <b>never used to drink</b> coffee at breakfast, but now I always have coffee in the morning.</p>	<p>NEGATIVE FORM: <b>didn't used to</b> (OR <b>didn't use to</b>)*</p> <p><i>Didn't use(d) to</i> occurs infrequently. More commonly, people use <i>never</i> to express a negative idea with <i>used to</i>, as in (f).</p>

\*Both forms (spelled *used to* or *use to* in questions and negatives) are possible. There is no consensus among English language authorities on which is preferable.

Directions: Make sentences with a similar meaning by using **used to**. Some of the sentences are negatives, and some of them are questions.

When I was a child, I was shy. Now I'm not shy.

1. I **used to be** shy, but now I'm not.

2. When I was young, I thought that people over forty were old.

I \_\_\_\_\_ that people over forty were old.

3. Now you live in this city. Where did you live before you came here?

Where \_\_\_\_\_?

4. Did you at some time in the past work for the telephone company?

\_\_\_\_\_ for the telephone company?

5. When I was younger, I slept through the night. I never woke up in the middle of the night.

I \_\_\_\_\_ in the middle of the night, but now I do.

I \_\_\_\_\_ through the night, but now I don't.

6. When I was a child, I watched cartoons on TV. I don't watch cartoons anymore. Now I watch news programs. How about you?

I \_\_\_\_\_ cartoons on TV, but I don't anymore.

I \_\_\_\_\_ news programs, but now I do.

What \_\_\_\_\_ on TV when you were a little kid?

Directions: Complete the sentences with a form of **used to** and your own words.

1. I **used to ride** my bicycle to work, but now I take the bus.
2. What time **did you use to go** to bed when you were a child?
3. I **didn't use to stay up** past midnight, but now I often go to bed very late because I have to study.
4. Tom \_\_\_\_\_ tennis after work every day, but now he doesn't.
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast, but now I always have something to eat in the morning because I read that students who eat breakfast do better in school.
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ interested in \_\_\_\_\_, but now I am.
7. A: When you were a little kid, what \_\_\_\_\_ after school?  
B: I \_\_\_\_\_. How about you?  
A: I \_\_\_\_\_.