



Theme 4 : Innovation

Unit 1:Smart Home

Work Book activities page 45

Read the text below about an Old Omani couple, Mr. Ahmed and Mrs. Aisha talking about life in old days

Mr Ahmed: Oh, yes, it was very exciting to get electricity. Before that we only used to be **able** to work when it was light, and we had to go to bed soon after it got dark. We only had oil lamps to light our home. To keep cool, we used to wear much **lighter** clothes, and we lived in houses with many trees around so that we were **shaded** from the **heat**. We used to sleep outside on the **roof** if it was too hot to sleep inside in the summer.



Mrs Aysha: Some things were difficult. I used to cook on an open fire and wash our clothes by hand in the falaj. We **kept** our water fresh by **storing** it in clay pots. We used to buy **dried** fish and meat that could be stored easily, and we ate fresh meat and vegetables from our farm.

Mr Ahmed: We are much more comfortable than we used to be, but I don't think we are happier. We used to be **healthier**. We are getting lazy and **unwell** these days. There didn't use to be so much noise and pollution.

Mrs Aysha: I miss some things about the old days. Families were much **closer**. Children used to sit with their **grandmothers** and listen to old stories or play traditional games with their friends. Nowadays, our grandchildren stay in their rooms watching TV or using their computers. They don't want to spend time with us anymore.

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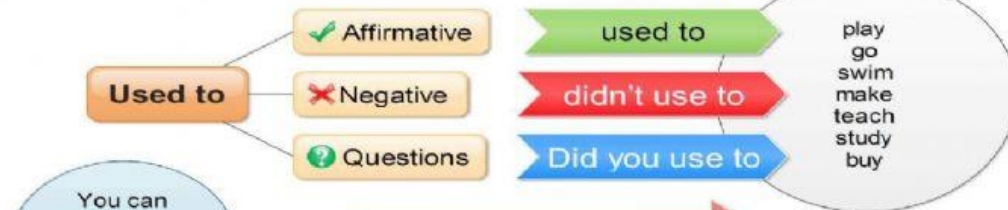
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Complete the sentences with the words in bold from the text in Activity 2. Put **ONE** word in each gap. Note: There are **TWO** extra words in the text.

- 1 _____ food in a refrigerator is a good way to keep it fresh.
- 2 _____ foods, dates and limes for example, can be _____ for a long time.
- 3 She took a computer course. Now she is _____ to use a computer.
- 4 If you feel _____, you should see a doctor.
- 5 I used to live far away from my office. But now I live much _____.
- 6 Our house is _____ by some trees. This makes it cool inside.
- 7 _____ from the sun can be used to make water hot.
- 8 The top of a house is called the _____.

USED TO

Form



Usage

- Yes** For repeated actions in the past, which are usually finished.
- No** For actions that happened only once in the past.

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Write sentences about Mr Ahmed and Mrs Aysha's life in past times. Follow the examples and use 'used to' or 'didn't use to'.

- 1 they / go to bed / very early They used to go to bed very early.
- 2 she / not have / a cooker She didn't use to have a cooker.
- 3 their children / play outside _____
- 4 she / cook / on an open fire _____
- 5 they / store water / in clay pots _____
- 6 she / not have / a washing machine _____
- 7 she / wash clothes / by hand / in the falaj _____
- 8 their family / much closer _____