THEME 4

Used to

We use *used to:*

• to describe past habits.

Charlie used to play volleyball when he was younger, but now he doesn't.

My father used to smoke, but he stopped smoking five years ago.

• to describe permanent past states.

Julia used to be skinny when she was at high school.

We used to live in Chicago, but we moved to New York in 2014.

• to describe repeated actions in the past.

I used to go hiking in my free time, but I don't any more.

David used to go to the cinema a lot, but now he doesn't.

Affirmative sentences:

My younger sister used to have short hair two years ago.

My mother used to drive to work, but now she goes to work by bus.

My brother used to suck his thumb when he was three years old.

Negative sentences:

I didn't use to get up so early when I was at university.

My son didn't use to like eating spinach when he was a child.

My parents didn't use to work so hard until they opened their own restaurant a few years ago.

Questions:

Did you use to listen to Turkish folk music when you were younger?

Did Tina use to live in a village when she was at primary school?

What did people use to do in their free time in this country a hundred years ago?

A. Work in pairs. Take turns to ask and answer the questions.

1. Did you use to watch animation movies when you were a child?
2. Did you use to bite your nails when you were younger?
3. Did you use to be a hardworking student when you were at secondary school?
4. Did your mother use to tell you bedtime stories when you were five years old?
5. What did you use to do in your free time last year?

B. Read the answers and ask the questions.

1. .....
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Yes, my father used to have a moustache when he was younger.

2. .....
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No, I didn't. I used to live in a detached house when I was a child.

3. .....
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John used to **play table tennis** after school last year.

4. .....
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I used to go to school **on foot** when I was twelve years old.

C. Think about your past habits. Make at least four sentences as in the examples. Share your sentences with your partner.

I used to drink milk every evening, but I don't any more.

I didn't use to like pop music, but now I do.

D. Now think about your parents' past habits. Which ones have changed? Make sentences as in the examples. Share your sentences with the class.

My mother used to make a cake every Saturday, but she doesn't any more.

My father didn't use to walk to work, but now he does.

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