

# 5 Used to



When you were a little baby, you **used to** cry all the time!

## Language focus

Use **used to** to talk about things you did routinely in the past or the way things were in the past, e.g.

*My grandmother **used to** be a teacher. She **used to** teach Spanish.*

When we use **used to**, we are saying that things are different now:

*My sister **used to** play the piano. (She doesn't play it now.)*

*My brother **used to** draw cartoons. (He doesn't draw them now.)*



### 1 Complete the sentences with the verbs from the box.

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The other day, I was thinking about how things change. For example, I used to

(1) have blonde hair when I was younger. It's dark now. My friends and I used to

(2) play football every Saturday morning, but these days we never do that.

I used to (3) live with my parents and brother in a small flat in the centre of our city, but now we live in a big house with a garden in a village outside the city. Dad used to

(4) work for a newspaper, but now he works for a website. Mum used to

(5) make a children's television programme called *Milkshake*, but now she

writes stories. Grandad used to (6) be a police officer, but now he is retired.

Nothing stays the same. It can be sad sometimes, but it keeps things interesting!

2

Are the sentences correct or incorrect? Correct the sentences you think are incorrect.

1 David use to carry a walkie-talkie.

Incorrect. David used to carry a walkie-talkie.

2 Tina used to interview suspects.

3 Brian used to work in a police station.

4 Jerry used to wearing a uniform.

5 Chris using to catch criminals.

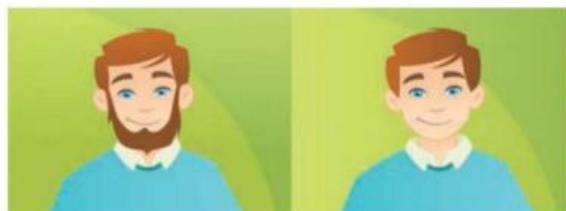
6 Jonathan used drive a fast car.

3

Write sentences with *used to*. Then write what the person does or has now.



1 Ceren used to play basketball.  
Now she plays tennis.



2 Sandro \_\_\_\_\_



3 Elena \_\_\_\_\_



4 Sam \_\_\_\_\_