

GRAMMAR

2.5

used to

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

1 Tick the sentences that describe routines. Choose the time expressions that show regularity.

Alastair played computer games every evening before bed.



1 Karen bought a new laptop last weekend.



2 Patricia and Matt called each other every Friday night.



3 Dean always watched football on Saturday afternoons.



4 Mary dropped her mobile phone down the toilet.



2 ★ When they went to university, two friends, Carl and Owen, moved into a student flat together. Write sentences about them with *used to* or *didn't use to* and the verbs in brackets.

When they lived with their parents ...

they didn't use to eat (eat) unhealthy food. Now they only eat kebabs and pizzas.

- 1 they _____ (do) any cleaning at home. They still don't do much and their flat is a mess.
- 2 their parents _____ (pay) the bills. Now they pay their own bills.
- 3 Carl _____ (use) his dad's computer. Now he uses Owen's.
- 4 Carl and Owen _____ (argue). Now they argue about the computer.

3 ★★ Write positive sentences (+), negative sentences (-) and questions (?) about mobile phones in 1983. Use the correct forms of *used to* from the box and the words above each line.

(did didn't use to used to use to)

mobile phones / have cameras (?)

Did mobile phones use to have cameras?

1 mobile phones / cost a lot of money (+)

2 most normal people / own a mobile phone (-)

3 people / make fewer phone calls (+)

4 mobile phones / be bigger (?)

5 mobile phones / have touch screens (-)

6 mobile phones / send text messages (?)

4 ★★ Tick the correct sentences. Sometimes both sentences are correct.

When I was in the Science club at school, ...

- a we met every Thursday at 4 p.m.
- b we used to meet every Thursday at 4 p.m.



- a we watched videos about great discoveries.
- b we used to watch videos about great discoveries.



- a one week, a physicist came to speak to us.
- b one week, a physicist used to come to speak to us.



- a our group went on a trip to the Science Museum in London.
- b our group used to go on a trip to the Science Museum in London.



- a my friend Emma once gave a talk about the sun.
- b my friend Emma once used to give a talk about the sun.



SHOW WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT

5 Complete the dialogue between Jodie and her dad with the correct forms of *used to* and the verbs in brackets.

J: Dad, did you use to own (you/own) a smartphone when you were my age?

D: Did I what?

J: 1 _____ (you/use) a smartphone or a laptop when you were a teenager?

D: What?! No I didn't. I was 14 in ... er ... wait a minute ... in 1981. We 2 _____ (have) laptops back then.

J: So, how 3 _____ (check) your messages?

D: Jodie?! There were no messages or texts; no Facebook or anything. We 4 _____ (send) letters or faxes.

J: I see. Wow ... Dad, what's a fax?

D: Er ... well ... it was a bit like a photocopier. You 5 _____ (write) your message on a piece of paper, then put it in the fax machine ...

J: And then?

D: Well, then you 6 _____ (dial) the number and wait. The machine er ... well ... it read the piece of paper and sent it to your friend.

J: What, the piece of paper?

D: What? No! Not the same piece of paper, Jodie – just the message.

J: I see. Wow.

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