



Watch the video on our website and read the conversation between Sophie and Tomas. Then do these exercises to check your understanding of *used to*.



1. Check your grammar: gap fill

Complete the explanation with a word from the box.

simple	not	past	<i>didn't</i>	infinitive
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- We use *used to* to talk about things that happened or were true in the _____, but not now.
- You can always use the past _____ instead of *used to*.
- We use *used to* to emphasise that the action or state is _____ what happens now.
- Used to* is followed by the _____ verb.
- To make questions and negatives with *used to*, we use *did* and _____.

2. Check your grammar: correct or incorrect

Circle whether *used to* is *Correct* or *Incorrect* in these sentences.

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| 1. | When I was a child, my hair used to be much blonder than now. | <i>Correct</i> | <i>Incorrect</i> |
| 2. | I never used to go to football. I hate it. I can't understand why people like it. | <i>Correct</i> | <i>Incorrect</i> |
| 3. | I used to like his music before he went all hip-hop. But now ... ! | <i>Correct</i> | <i>Incorrect</i> |
| 4. | We used to visit my grandmother every weekend. I love listening to her stories. | <i>Correct</i> | <i>Incorrect</i> |
| 5. | 'Didn't you use to wear glasses?' 'Yes, but I had an operation on my eyes.' | <i>Correct</i> | <i>Incorrect</i> |
| 6. | I used to walk to school. I don't like using public transport and my mum doesn't have a car any more. | <i>Correct</i> | <i>Incorrect</i> |

3. Check your grammar: gap fill

Complete the sentence using the correct form of *used to* and one of the verbs in the box.

do	sit	play	speak	smoke	buy	have (x2)
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1. He lived in Brazil until he was seven. He _____ Portuguese, but he's forgotten a lot of it now.
2. We _____ smartphones, or even internet in our houses. To go online you had to go to an internet café or library or something.
3. She _____ but she's given up now. She's really healthy these days.
4. We _____ together when we were children, but I don't see them much any more.
5. You used to live on the same road as me! _____ sweets in that shop on the corner?
6. She _____ any sport at all, but now she's in the basketball team and she loves it.
7. We always _____ on the bridge with our legs hanging down, and throw sticks into the river.
8. I didn't recognise him because of his new beard. He _____ a beard! He looks completely different now.

Discussion

How have you changed, compared to when you were little?

Is there any food you used to hate but you like now?

What activities did you use to do that you've stopped doing now?