

## USED TO

<b>Main theme addressed</b>	<b>In this lesson, you will learn how and when to use the form 'used to'.</b>
<b>Key Goals</b>	<b>Here is an outline of what you will learn today:</b>  <b>1. When to use the 'used to' form</b> <b>2. Formation of the affirmative form of 'used to'</b> <b>3. Formation of the negative form of 'used to'</b> <b>4. Formation of the interrogative form of 'used to'</b>

### 1. When to use the 'used to' form

We use **used to** when we speak about something that **happened in the past** which is **no longer true**.

We can talk about:

- repeated actions

Example:

We used to play basketball every Saturday.

- a state or situation

Example:

There used to be a restaurant here.

## 2. Formation of the affirmative form of 'used to'

**used to + verb in infinitive form**

Examples:

I used to play a trumpet, but I stopped ten years ago.

There used to be a tree here, but they cut it down.

He used to be my boyfriend, but we broke up last week.

**Note:** because the 'used to' phrase always refers to the past; it should always be in the past form:

**Exercise:**

**Transform the following sentences about actions / states in the past using the phrase "used to":**

1. In the past, I played football.

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2. In the past, they had a dog.

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3. She was a model when she was younger.

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4. Years ago, we went on holiday to France every year.

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### 3. Formation of the negative form of 'used to'

**didn't use to + verb in infinitive form**

We use the negative form when we wish to express something that was not true in the past, but it is true now.

Examples:

I didn't use to like ice cream but now I love it.

She didn't use to go swimming so often, but now she goes three times a week.

**Exercise:**

**Put the following affirmative sentence into negative form.**

1. I used to watch many horror movies.

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2. They used to visit their grandparents often.

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3. She used to have a black cat named Kitty.

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4. Sarah used to work for a big car company.

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#### 4. Formation of the interrogative form of 'used to'

**did + subject + use to + verb in infinitive form**

**or**

**didn't + subject + use to + verb in infinitive form**

We use this form when we wish to find out if a person did or didn't do in the past.

Examples:

Didn't you used to go to Oxford?

Did you used to live in Madrid?

Didn't you use to like Metallica?

**Exercise:**

**Rewrite the questions using the interrogative form of used to.**

1. Did you go to Spain on holidays in the past?

\_\_\_\_\_.

2. Didn't you have a dog named Rex?

\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Didn't your parents live in Berlin in the past?

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