



Mini Lesson 024 - Using 'Used To' for Past Habits

The phrase '**used to**' is used to talk about past habits or states that no longer exist. It describes something that was true in the past but is not true anymore.

Structure:

- **Positive:**

- Subject + *used to* + base verb
- Example: *She **used to** play the piano.*

- **Negative:**

- Subject + *didn't use to* + base verb
- Example: *They **didn't use to** eat meat.*

- **Question:**

- *Did* + subject + *use to* + base verb?
- Example: *Did you **use to** go swimming?*

Usage:

- **Past Habits:**

- *Used to* can describe actions that were regularly performed in the past.
- Example: *I used to walk to school every day.*

- **Past States:**

- *Used to* can also describe states or situations that were true in the past but no longer are.
- Example: *We used to live in New York.*





Exercises:

1. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of 'used to':

1. When I was a child, I _____ (play) outside every day.
2. She _____ (not like) vegetables when she was younger.
3. _____ (you / go) to the gym regularly before the pandemic?
4. They _____ (have) a cat, but now they have a dog.
5. My grandparents _____ (live) in a small village.

2. Rewrite the sentences using 'used to':

1. He doesn't watch TV now, but he did in the past.
2. We don't see each other often anymore, but we did when we were in college.
3. I no longer play the guitar, but it was something I did every day.
4. She's not a doctor anymore, but that was her profession.
5. They don't eat out often now, but it was a regular thing for them.

3. Choose the correct option to complete the sentence:

1. He _____ (used to / use to) smoke, but he quit last year.
2. _____ (Did / Didn't) you use to go camping every summer?
3. We _____ (used to / use to) visit our grandparents every weekend.
4. She _____ (didn't use to / didn't used to) like coffee, but now she drinks it every day.
5. My brother _____ (used to / use to) have long hair, but now it's short.

4. True or False:

1. "Used to" can be used to talk about habits that are still true. (True/False)
2. "Used to" is always followed by the base form of a verb. (True/False)
3. "Did you used to play tennis?" is the correct question form. (True/False)
4. "I used to be afraid of the dark" describes a past state. (True/False)
5. "They used to go to the same school" implies they don't go there anymore. (True/False)





Answers:

1. Fill in the blanks:

1. When I was a child, I **used to play** outside every day.
2. She **didn't use to like** vegetables when she was younger.
3. **Did you use to go** to the gym regularly before the pandemic?
4. They **used to have** a cat, but now they have a dog.
5. My grandparents **used to live** in a small village.

2. Rewrite the sentences:

1. He **used to watch** TV.
2. We **used to see** each other often when we were in college.
3. I **used to play** the guitar every day.
4. She **used to be** a doctor.
5. They **used to eat out** often.

3. Choose the correct option:

1. He **used to** smoke, but he quit last year.
2. **Did you use to** go camping every summer?
3. We **used to** visit our grandparents every weekend.
4. She **didn't use to** like coffee, but now she drinks it every day.
5. My brother **used to** have long hair, but now it's short.

4. True or False:

1. "Used to" can be used to talk about habits that are still true. (False)
2. "Used to" is always followed by the base form of a verb. (True)
3. "Did you used to play tennis?" is the correct question form. (False)
4. "I used to be afraid of the dark" describes a past state. (True)
5. "They used to go to the same school" implies they don't go there anymore.
(True)

