

USED TO

B1 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Question Practice | 20-30 minutes

Compare past habits and states with life now.

1. GET STARTED

Take turns asking and answering. Give details and ask a follow-up. You can invent personal details.

A: Did you **use to live** near here?

B: Yes. I **used to cycle** past this park on my way to school.

A: So you know the area. What **did it use to be** like?

2. LIFE THEN AND NOW

1. Where **did you use to live** when you were younger? What was it like?
2. What **did you use to do** after school or at weekends?
3. **Did you use to enjoy** a hobby that you no longer do? Why did you stop?
4. What food **didn't you use to like** but enjoy now?
5. **Did you use to be** more active or less active than you are now?
6. Who **did you use to spend** a lot of time with?

Keep talking: What about now? / Why did that change? / Do you miss it?

3. PLACES AND PEOPLE

Compare a familiar place or person in the past with the situation now.

7. What shops or buildings **used to be** in an area you know?
8. How **did people use to travel** around your town?
9. What **did a family member use to do** that they don't do now?
10. What **used to seem** difficult to you but feels easier now?

4. GUESS WHO IT IS

Describe someone you both know, or a fictional character, without naming them.

Give three clues about what they used to do or be like, then one clue about now.

Example: She **used to have** long hair. She **didn't use to wear** glasses.

Your partner guesses and asks a question. Swap roles.

Answer help: I used to ..., but now ... / I didn't use to ... / Did you use to ...?

Remember: Use the base verb; after did/didn't, write and say use to.