

English Grammar – Past Habits

Form: "**used to**" + base verb

Examples:

- When we lived in London, we **used to** study in the garden.
- When I was young, I **used to** play football with my dad.
- I **used to** smoke when I was a student.
- We **used to** visit our grandparents every Sunday.

Question: "**did you use to**" + base verb ?

Negative: "**didn't use to**" + base verb

- **Did you use to** smoke? Yes, I **did**. / No, I **didn't**.
- I **didn't use to** go out much.
- **Did you use to** live in England? Yes, I **did**. / No, I **didn't**.

Exercise 1. Complete the sentences:

1. When I was a student, I _____ drink beer every day!
2. It _____ snow every winter in London, but today, it's rare.
3. _____ you _____ work in São Paulo?
4. I _____ get up early on Saturdays! (*negative*)
5. We _____ go to school by bus.

Exercise 2. Choose a verb to complete the sentences:

1. When Jimmy was a little boy, he _____ in the street.
2. When Lizzie was a little girl, she _____ her mum in the kitchen.
3. When you were a little boy, _____ you _____ in the street?
4. When I was a teenager, I _____ chocolate. (*negative*)
5. I didn't _____ anything sweet, but today I love sweet things.
6. When we were at university, we _____ wine every night!
7. It _____ attractive to smoke, but today, it's offensive.

Exercise 3. Write sentences about things that you used to do.

1. When I was very young, I _____.
2. When I was at school, I _____.
3. When I was at university, I _____.