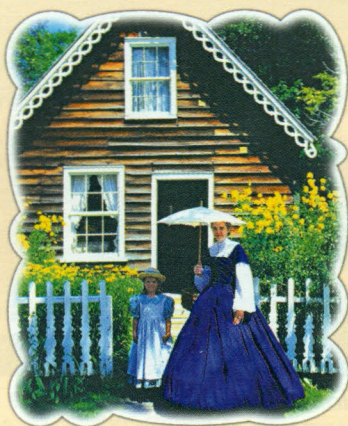


Used to



People **used to** dress differently in the past. Women **used to** wear long dresses.

Did they **use to** carry parasols with them?

Yes, they did.

They **didn't use to** go out alone at night.

- ◆ **Used to** is used to talk about past habits or things that do not happen any more. It has the same form in all persons, singular and plural. It is followed by infinitive.

e.g. Peter **used to** eat a lot of sweets. (=Peter doesn't eat many sweets any more.)

We form questions and negations with the auxiliary verb **did/did not (didn't)**, the subject and the verb "use" without -d.

e.g. **Did** Peter **use to** eat many sweets?

Mary **didn't use to** stay out late.

- ◆ We can use the **past simple** instead of "used to" with no difference in meaning.

e.g. She **used to live** in the countryside.

= She **lived** in the countryside.

Affirmative

I	} used to
He/She/It	
You/We/They	
travel.	

Interrogative

Did	I	} use to
	he/she/it	
	you/we/they	
travel?		

Negative

	Long form	Short form	} use to
I	did not	didn't	
He/She/It			
You/We/They			travel.

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Peter Gordon won a lot of money on the lottery last year. **Look at the pictures and say what Peter used to do and what he does now.**

e.g. Peter **used to** live in a small house, but now he lives in a big house.

LAST YEAR

NOW

1 live/small house



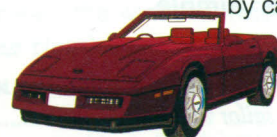
live/big house



2 go to work/by bus



go to work/by car



3 eat/at home



eat out



4 watch/TV



go/the theatre



5 spend/his holidays/at a camp-site



spend/his holidays/travelling



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Complete the sentences with the correct form of used to and the verb in brackets.

- 1 I ...**didn't use to watch**... (not/watch) the news, but now I watch it every day.
- 2 My aunt (drink) a lot of coffee, but now she prefers to drink tea.
- 3 We (live) in a flat, but we live in a big house now.
- 4 (you/go) to school on foot?
- 5 We (not/like) each other, but now we're good friends.
- 6 I (not/eat) vegetables. Now I eat them every day.
- 7 My sister (play) the piano, but now she doesn't.
- 8 They..... (spend) their weekends in the countryside. They don't any more.