

I used to . . .

A

Dave a few years ago

I work in a factory.



Dave

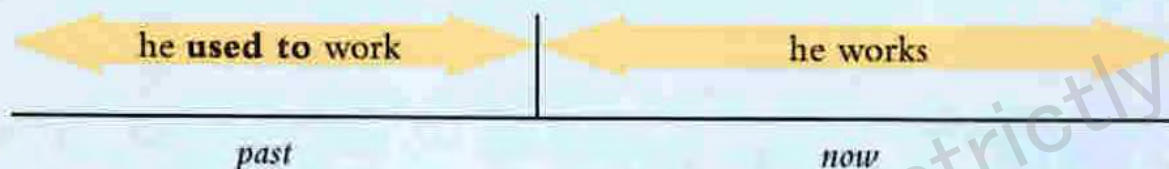
Dave today

I work in a supermarket.
I **used to work** in a factory.



Dave **used to work** in a factory. Now he **works** in a supermarket.

Dave **used to work** in a factory. = he worked in a factory before, but he doesn't work there now:



B

You can say I **used to work** . . . / she **used to have** . . . / they **used to be** . . . , etc.

I/you/we/they he/she/it	used to	be work have play, etc.
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- When I was a child, I **used to like** chocolate.
- I **used to read** a lot of books, but I don't read much these days.
- Liz has short hair now, but it **used to be** very long.
- They **used to live** on the same street as us, so we **used to see** them a lot. But we don't see them very often these days.
- Helen **used to have** a piano, but she sold it a few years ago.

The negative is I **didn't use to**

- When I was a child, I **didn't use to like** tomatoes.

The question is **did you use to** . . . ?

- Where **did you use to live** before you came here?

I **used to have** very long hair.



C

We use **used to** . . . only for the past. You cannot say "I use to . . ." for the present:

- I **used to play** tennis. These days I **play** golf. (*not* I use to play golf)
- We usually **get up** early. (*not* We use to get up early)

15.1 Look at the pictures. Complete the sentences with *used to*

<p>This is me a few years ago.</p>	<p>When I was younger . . .</p>	<p>I'm a hairdresser now.</p> <p>A few years ago</p>
<p>1. <u>She used to have</u> <u>long hair.</u></p>	<p>2. He _____ _____ baseball.</p>	<p>3. _____ _____ a taxi driver.</p>
<p>We live in New York City now.</p> <p>Our house in the country 20 years ago</p>	<p>This is me 20 years ago. I never wear glasses now.</p>	<p>Now A long time ago</p>
<p>4. _____ _____ in the country.</p>	<p>5. _____ _____</p>	<p>6. This building _____ _____</p>

15.2 Karen works very hard and has very little free time. A few years ago, things were different.

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| Do you play any sports? | → Yes, I swim every day, and I play volleyball. |
| Do you go out much? | → Yes, three or four nights a week. |
| Do you play a musical instrument? | → Yes, the guitar. |
| Do you like to read? | → Yes, I read a lot. |
| Do you travel much? | → Yes, I take two or three trips a year. |



I work very hard at my job. I don't have any free time.

Write sentences about Karen with *used to*

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| 1. <u>She used to swim every day.</u> | 4. _____ |
| 2. She _____ volleyball. | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

15.3 Complete these sentences. Use *used to* or the simple present (*I play / he lives*, etc.).

- I used to play tennis. I stopped playing a few years ago.
- "Do you play any sports?" "Yes, I play basketball."
- "Do you have a car?" "No, I _____ one, but I sold it."
- George _____ a waiter. Now he's the manager of a hotel.
- "Do you go to work by car?" "Sometimes, but most days I _____ by train."
- When I was a child, I never _____ meat, but I eat it now.
- Mary loves to watch TV. She _____ TV every night.
- We _____ near the airport, but we moved downtown a few years ago.
- Normally I start work at 7:00, so I _____ up very early.
- What games _____ you _____ when you were a child?