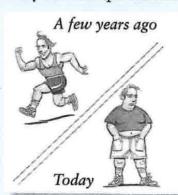
Used to (do)

A

Study this example situation:



David quit jogging two years ago. He doesn't jog anymore.

But he used to jog.

He used to jog three miles a day.

He used to jog = he jogged regularly for some time in the past, but he doesn't jog now.



B

Something used to happen = something happened regularly in the past but no longer happens:

- I used to play tennis a lot, but I don't play as much now.
- Diane used to travel a lot. These days she doesn't take many trips.
- Do you go to the movies very often?" "Not anymore, but I used to." (= I used to go)

We also use used to for something that was true but is not true anymore:

- This building is now a furniture store. It used to be a movie theater.
- I started drinking coffee recently. I never used to like it before.
- Nicole used to have very long hair when she was a child.

C

Used to do is past. There is no present form. You cannot say "I use to do." To talk about the present, use the present simple (I do). Compare:

past he used to travel we used to live there used to be present he travels we live there is

- We used to live in a small town, but now we live in Chicago.
- There used to be four movie theaters in town. Now there is only one.

D

The normal question form is did (you) use to . . . ?:

Did you use to eat a lot of candy when you were a child?

The negative form is didn't use to:

I didn't use to like him.

E

Compare I used to do and I was doing (see Unit 6):

- I used to watch TV a lot. (= I watched TV regularly in the past, but I no longer do this)
- I was watching TV when the phone rang. (= I was in the middle of watching TV)

F

Do not confuse I used to do and I am used to doing (see Unit 58). The structures and meanings are different:

- I used to live alone. (= I lived alone in the past, but I no longer live alone)
- I am used to living alone. (= I live alone, and I don't find it strange or new because I've been living alone for some time)

Exercises

UNIT 17

17.1	Complete these sentences with use(d) to + an appropriate verb.				
	The second secon		He used to jog		
	2. Jim a motorcycle, but he sold it last year and				
	bought a car.				
	3. We moved to Spain a few years ago. We			in Paris.	
	4. I rarely eat ice cream now, but I			it when I was a child.	
	5. Tracy my best friend, but we aren't friends anymore.				
	3. We moved to Spain a few years ago. We				
	It more than an hour.				
	7. There		a hotel near the ai	a hotel near the airport, but it closed a long	
	time ago.				
	8. When you	u lived in New York,		to the theater very often?	
477	Matthew shaped his lifestyle. He standed doing some things and started doing other				
17.2	The state of the s				
	things:	2			
		studying hard		sleeping late	:bited.
	He stopped	going to bed early	He started y morning	going out every night	:1010
					110
	Write sentences about Matthew with used to and didn't use to.				
	1. He used	to study hard.	4		
	 He used to study hard. He didn't use to sleep late. 		5	-iCC'	
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17.3	Compare wh	at Karen said five years	ago and what she says tod	ay:	
				A SHELL WAS A	
	Five years a		Today	My dog died two years ago.	
	I travel a lot	receptionist.	I eat lots of cheese now.	I read a newspaper	
	I traver a lot.	I've got lots	Teat lots of cheese now.	every day now.	
	I play the	of friends.	I work very hard		
	piano.	2 8	these days.	I work in a	
		I never read	8	bookstore now.	
	I'm very lazy	newspapers.	I don't see many		
	1118		people these days.	I don't take many	
	I don't like	I don't	I haven't played	trips these days.	
	cheese.	drink tea.	the piano for years.	Tea's great!	
		I have a dog.	the plano for years.	I like it now.	
	I have a dog.				
	Now write sentences about how Karen has changed. Use used to / didn't use to / never				
	used to in the first part of your sentence.				
	1. She used to travel a lot, but she doesn't take many trips these days.				
			, but		
	2. She used		, but		
	4		, but		
	5		, but		
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