

Used To Exercises

Level: A2

Used to

Use **used to** + verb to talk about things that were true in the past but are not true now: I **used to** live in Rome. She **used to** have long hair.

Form: Use **used to** + the base verb. It is the same for every person: I **used to** play. She **used to** play. They **used to** play.

Use: We use **used to** for habits and states in the past that are different now: He **used to** be shy, but now he talks to everybody.

Negative: Use **didn't use to**, without the **d**: We **didn't use to** have a computer.

Questions: Use **Did** + subject + **use to**: Did you **use to** live in a big city? The short answer is Yes, I did or No, I **didn't**.

Not for one action: Do not use **used to** for one action in the past. Use the past simple: Yesterday I visited my grandmother. Not Yesterday I **used to** visit my grandmother.

Not for the present: **Used to** is only for the past. For the present, use the present simple with **always**, **usually** or **often**: I **usually** walk to work.

Exercise 1: Choose the Correct Form

Choose the correct form.

- When I was a child, I ___ play football every day.
a) used to b) use to c) was used to
- Did you ___ live in London?
a) use to b) used to c) using to
- Yesterday, I ___ my grandmother.
a) visited b) used to visit c) use to visit
- He ___ be shy, but now he talks to everybody.
a) used to b) is used to c) uses to
- Tom ___ in a small village. Now he lives in a big city.
a) used to live b) used to living c) use to live
- I ___ eat vegetables, but now I love them.
a) never used to b) never use to c) never uses to

Exercise 2: Fill in the Blank

Type the correct word or words.

- My dad ___ play the guitar when he was young. (positive)
- We ___ have a TV in our house. It was too expensive. (negative)

9. ___ your grandmother use to live here? (did or does)
10. Tom used to ___ football every Saturday. (play, played or playing)
11. Did you use to play outside? Yes, I ___. (short answer)
12. My brother didn't ___ to like fish, but now he loves it. (use or used)

Exercise 3: Put the Words in Order

Click the words in the correct order to build the sentence.

13. Put the words in the correct order: **Rome / used / in / I / live / to / .**

14. Put the words in the correct order: **football / you / Did / play / use / ? / to**

15. Put the words in the correct order: **coffee / like / didn't / She / use / to / .**

16. Put the words in the correct order: **here / work / father / used / My / to / .**

Exercise 4: True or False

Decide if each statement is true or false.

17. We use 'used to' for one action that happened yesterday. True / False
18. 'Did you used to live here?' is correct English. True / False
19. 'I used to play tennis' means I don't play tennis now. True / False
20. After 'used to' we use the base verb: 'She used to walk to work.' True / False
21. You can use 'used to' with the verb be: 'I used to be shy.' True / False

Answer key

Exercise 1: Choose the Correct Form

1. a) used to
2. a) use to
3. a) visited
4. a) used to
5. a) used to live
6. a) never used to

Exercise 2: Fill in the Blank

7. used to
8. didn't use to / did not use to / never used to
9. Did
10. play
11. did
12. use

Exercise 3: Put the Words in Order

13. I used to live in Rome.
14. Did you use to play football?
15. She didn't use to like coffee.
16. My father used to work here.

Exercise 4: True or False

17. False
18. False
19. True
20. True
21. True