



## MINI LESSON 20: USED TO / DIDN'T USE TO

### Objective:

Learn how to talk about past habits or states that no longer happen or are no longer true.

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### GRAMMAR EXPLANATION

We use **used to** to talk about things that were true in the past but **are not true now**.



#### Affirmative Form:

**Subject + used to + base verb**

- I **used to** play outside every day.
- She **used to** live in New York.
- We **used to** have a cat.



#### Negative Form:

**Subject + didn't use to + base verb**

- I **didn't use to** like vegetables.
- He **didn't use to** study hard.
- They **didn't use to** have a car.

◆ *Note: In negative and question forms, we say “**use to**” (without -d).*



#### Questions:

**Did + subject + use to + base verb?**

- **Did you use to** watch cartoons?
  - **Did she use to** have long hair?
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**PRACTICE 1: Complete the sentences with used to and the verb in parentheses.**

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (play) the piano when I was a child.
  2. My brother \_\_\_\_\_ (have) long hair.
  3. We \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the beach every summer.
  4. She \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very shy.
  5. They \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Canada.
  6. People \_\_\_\_\_ (write) letters instead of emails.
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**PRACTICE 2: Write negative sentences using didn't use to.**

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (like) coffee.
  2. He \_\_\_\_\_ (exercise) regularly.
  3. They \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) by plane.
  4. She \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) glasses.
  5. We \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) sushi.
  6. My friends \_\_\_\_\_ (study) on weekends.
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**PRACTICE 3: Write questions using Did ... use to ...?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (you/play) video games as a kid?
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ (she/have) a dog?
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ (they/live) in Italy?
  4. \_\_\_\_\_ (your parents/go) dancing?
  5. \_\_\_\_\_ (he/work) here?
  6. \_\_\_\_\_ (you/like) school?
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## **ANSWER KEY (for teacher or separate answer page)**

### **Practice 1: Complete the sentences with *used to***

1. I **used to play** the piano when I was a child.
  2. My brother **used to have** long hair.
  3. We **used to go** to the beach every summer.
  4. She **used to be** very shy.
  5. They **used to live** in Canada.
  6. People **used to write** letters instead of emails.
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### **Practice 2: Write negative sentences using *didn't use to***

1. I **didn't use to like** coffee.
  2. He **didn't use to exercise** regularly.
  3. They **didn't use to travel** by plane.
  4. She **didn't use to wear** glasses.
  5. We **didn't use to eat** sushi.
  6. My friends **didn't use to study** on weekends.
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### **Practice 3: Write questions using *Did ... use to ...?***

1. **Did you use to play** video games as a kid?
2. **Did she use to have** a dog?
3. **Did they use to live** in Italy?
4. **Did your parents use to go** dancing?
5. **Did he use to work** here?
6. **Did you use to like** school?