used to

Past habits and states · B1 · Answers on the last page.

THE RULE

used to + infinitive — a past habit or state that is NOT true now.
I used to live in Madrid. (I don't now.)

Negative: didn't use to… **Question: Did you use to…?**
In negatives and questions it is 'use to', with no -d.

Only for the past — there is no present form. For present habits, say **'usually'**: I usually get up at seven.
Use the past simple (not 'used to') for a single finished action: *Yesterday I played tennis.*

1 Complete with used to + verb.

1 I _____ (have) long hair when I was young.

2 We _____ (live) in a small village.

3 She _____ (play) the piano every day.

4 They _____ (go) to the beach every summer.

5 He _____ (be) very shy at school.

6 My grandparents _____ (not have) a television.

2 Complete the negatives and questions.

1 I _____ (not like) vegetables, but now I love them.

2 _____ you _____ (play) any sport at school?

3 She _____ (not have) a car when she was younger.

4 _____ they _____ (live) near you?

5 We _____ (not go) abroad on holiday.

6 _____ he _____ (smoke)?

3 Choose the correct option.

1 I (used to / use to) live by the sea.

2 Did you (used to / use to) have a bike?

3 She (didn't used to / didn't use to) wear glasses.

4 We (used to / use to) go camping every year.

5 (Did / Were) you use to walk to school?

6 He didn't (use to / used to) eat meat.

4 used to or past simple? (habit or single event)

1 When I was a child, I _____ (play) outside a lot.

2 Last Saturday, I _____ (play) tennis with Tom.

3 We _____ (visit) Rome in 2019.

4 We _____ (visit) my grandma every Sunday when I was little.

5 She _____ (break) her leg last year.

6 He _____ (have) a beard, but he shaved it off.

5 Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.

1 *I use to play football.*

2 *Did you used to live here?*

3 *She didn't used to like coffee.*

4 *I used to go to the gym yesterday.*

5 *He use to have a dog.*

Soluciones

Answer key.

1 · used to + verb

1 used to have 2 used to live 3 used to play
4 used to go 5 used to be 6 didn't use to have

2 · Negatives & questions

1 didn't use to like 2 Did you use to play 3 didn't use to have
4 Did they use to live 5 didn't use to go 6 Did he use to smoke

3 · Choose

1 used to 2 use to 3 didn't use to 4 used to 5 Did 6 use to

4 · used to or past simple?

1 used to play 2 played 3 visited 4 used to visit 5 broke 6 used to have

5 · Error correction

1 I used to play football. 2 Did you use to live here? 3 She didn't use to like coffee.
4 I went to the gym yesterday. 5 He used to have a dog.