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اسم المحاضرة الحادية عشر باللغة الإنكليزية : used to (do)

Used to (do)

Nicola doesn't travel much these days.

She prefers to stay at home.

But she **used to travel** a lot.

She **used to go** away two or three times a year.

She **used to travel** a lot = she travelled often in the past, but she doesn't do this anymore.

I used to do something = I did it often in the past, but not any more:

I used to play tennis a lot, but I don't play very much now.

David **used to spend** a lot of money on clothes. These days he can't afford it.

'Do you go to the cinema much?' 'Not now, but **I used to.**' (= I used to go)

We also use **used to** ... for things that were true, but are not true anymore:

This building is now a furniture shop. It **used to be** a cinema.

I **used to think** Mark was unfriendly, but now I realize he's a very nice person.

I've started drinking coffee recently. I **never used to** like it before.

Lisa **used to have** very long hair when she was a child.

'**I used to do something**' is past. There is no present. You cannot say 'I use to do'.

To talk about the present, we use the present simple (I do).

Compare:

past he **used to play** we used to live there used to be

present he plays - we live - there is

We **used to live** in a small village, but now we live in a city.

There **used to be** four cinemas in the town. Now there is only one.

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

Did you use to eat a lot of sweets when you were a child? (= did you do this often?)

The negative form is **didn't use to** ... (used not to ... is also possible):

I **didn't use to like** him. (or I used not to like him.)

Compare **I used to do** and **I was doing**:

I **used to watch** TV a lot. (= I watched TV often in the past, but I don't do this anymore)

I **was watching** TV when Rob called. (= I was in the middle of watching TV)

Do not confuse **I used to do** and **I am used to doing** (see Unit 61). 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 it's not a problem for me because I've lived alone for some time.)

Exercises

Complete the sentences with **used to** + a suitable verb.

- 1 Nicola **used to travel** a lot, but she doesn't go away much these days.
- 2 Sophie **used to have** a motorbike, but last year she sold it and bought a car.
- 3 Our friends moved to Spain a few years ago. They **used to live** in Paris.
- 4 Jackie **used to be** my best friend, but we aren't friends any more.
- 5 I rarely eat ice cream now, but I **used to eat** it when I was a child.
- 6 It only takes me about 40 minutes to get to work now that the new road is open.
It **used to take** more than an hour.
- 7 There **used to be** a hotel near the airport, but it closed a long time ago.
- 8 I **used to work** in a factory. It wasn't my favourite job.