



**At the end of the lesson, the student will be able to:**

- \* learn the proper use of 'used to'.
- \* to form sentences with "used to".



**Let's study!**

1. Use *used to + base form* of the verb to talk about past habit or past situations that no longer exist in the present.

Note: *Used to* always refers to the past. There is no present form.

Example:

He *used to* play in band. (He played in a band in the past but he doesn't play in a band now.)

2. Use *used to* in sentences that contrast the past and the present. We often use time expressions such as *now*, *no longer*, and *not anymore* with the present to emphasize the contrast.

Example:

I *used to* have very long hair but *now* my hair is very short.

We *used to* play Rubik's cubes but we don't like them *anymore*.

3. Form the **negative** with:

didn't + use to

Note: in negative statements,  
never + used to is more  
common than didn't use to

Example:

He *didn't use to* study.

(Not 'He didn't ~~used~~ to study.')

He *never used to* study.

4. Form **questions** with:

did + use to

Note: In questions, the **simple  
past** is more common than  
did + use to

Example:

*Did* you *use to have* long hair?

(Not 'Did you ~~used~~ to have long  
hair?')

*Did* you *have* long hair when you  
were younger?

5. Be careful! Do not confuse  
***used to + base form*** of the  
verb with the following  
expressions:

- be used to + base form + ing  
(be accustomed to)

- get used to + base form + ing  
(get accustomed to)

Example:

She *used to* work.

(She doesn't work now.)

She *is used to* working.

(She is accustomed to working.)

She'll *get used to* working.

(She'll get accustomed to  
working.)



### Activity 1

Identify the forms that refer to past habits.

Computers used to be very large and very expensive. In the 1980s they got smaller and cheaper. People got used to working on personal computers in offices and started to buy them for their homes. Now we ask, “ what did we use to do before computers?”



**Activity 2** Complete the conversation. Use used to and the correct verb from the box. (Then read it aloud with your teacher.)

be

drive

have

wear

Megan: Wow! Uncle Gary \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of hair!

Sandra: Not for long. Right after this photo, he shaved his head.

Megan: in this picture, were you going to the gym?

Sandra: No. We \_\_\_\_\_ exercise clothes everywhere.

Megan: You looked cute!

Sandra: This was your Aunt Linda's car. She \_\_\_\_\_ her friends to school every day.

Megan: That's not Uncle Fred with her.

Sandra: No, that's Glen. He \_\_\_\_\_ her boyfriend before she met Fred.