



Unit 11 – Used To (*He used to play..*)

A) This is Mark.

He lives in South Korea.

Before he moved to Korea, he lived in Canada.



(lived = *Simple Past Verb*) or:
(used to = *Modal Verb*)

-> We can say:

a) Before he moved to Korea, Colin **lived** in Canada.

b) Colin **used to** live in Canada.

You: “Did you **use to** live in Canada, Colin?”

Colin: “Yes, I **used to** live in Canada before moving to Korea!”

B) Used to – an **action** or **habit** that was common in the past but not anymore:

- I **used to** take showers at night but now I take showers in the morning. (*no comma required*)
- Nathan **used to** play video games but he doesn't anymore. (*no comma required*)
- Before buying a new car, Jennifer **used to** take the bus to work. (*comma required*)

-> Used to can also refer to things that were true in the past, **but are not true anymore**:

- This neighborhood **used to** be dangerous. Now it's quite safe.
- I **used to** think Danielle was shy before I got to know her.
- Politics **used to** be so much different than it is now.

-> **Used to is a modal verb.** It ends in 'ed' meaning that we are referring to an action or habit in the past.

C) Grammar – there are four main grammar forms with **used to**:

1) Used to + verb	Subject	+ used to	+ main verb	-> He <u>used to</u> play tennis.
2) Used to + be + adjective	Subject	+ used to	+ be + adjective	-> She <u>used to</u> be shy.
3) Used to in negatives	Subject	+ didn't + use to	+ main verb	-> I <u>didn't use to</u> try much.
4) Used to in questions	Did + subject	+ use to	+ main verb	-> Did you <u>use to</u> read a lot?

D) Used to in negatives – the word **didn't** shows that an action or habit did not occur in the past:

- I **used to** like tennis but not hockey. or: I **didn't use to** like hockey.
Note: -> in negative form: '**didn't + use to..**' not: '**didn't + used to..**' (x)

Tip: -> However, '**didn't use to**' is not very common in normal conversation:

- I **never used to** like hockey. -> '**never used to**' is much more commonly spoken!

E) Used to in questions:

- Did you **use to** have a dog? **Note:** -> in question form, we use '**Did + use to..**'
- Did you **use to** listen to rock music? not: '**Did + used to..**' (x)

Tip 2: -> For actions and habits from the distant past (not recent) we can replace **used to** with **would**:

- My grandfather **would** go fishing on weekends.
- When we were young, we **would** play outside every single day.



Unit 11 – Exercises:

11.1 – Re-write the sentences below with **used to**.

- When he was young, Timothy was short. Now, he's tall.
- Years ago, people didn't have computers. Now they do.
- When I was in middle school, I was lazy but not anymore.
- People never had cars years ago. Now they do.
- Tom didn't work hard in the past. Now he works really hard.
- I lived in Germany five years ago. Now I live in the U.S.
- Tina took the bus to work until last year. Now she drives.
- Our family had a cat until I was in high school.
- I didn't drink much water before. Now I drink a lot of water.
- I went out a lot when I was young. Now I like to stay home.

1. **Timothy used to be short.**

- _____.
- _____.
- _____.
- _____.
- _____.
- _____.
- _____.
- _____.
- _____.
- _____.

11.2 – Choose the correct answer for each sentence below.

- I **used to** play video games when I was a child.
- He _____ ride his bike when he was a boy.
- Did she _____ cry a lot in kindergarden?
- Eric _____ play outside. He was quite shy.
- _____ you _____ use chopsticks as a child?
- Mom _____ read to me when I was young.
- Chris _____ be a singer. He was a teacher before.
- _____ they _____ fight a lot when they were young?

- a) use to b) used c) used to
 a) used did b) used to c) didn't used to
 a) used to b) not used to c) use to
 a) didn't used to b) never used to
 a) Did / use to b) Did / used to
 a) use to b) used to c) never use to
 a) never used to b) didn't used to
 a) Did / used to b) Did / use to

11.3 – Complete the sentences with the correct form of **used to** and a verb from the list below.

cook / read / climb / play / be / go / spend / have / be

- Mom **used to cook** dinner for the whole family every day when I was a child.
- One of my favorite memories with my cousins was when we _____ 'hide-and-go-seek.'
- When I was young, I _____ mystery novels for hours at a time.
- In high school, our friends _____ skating at the rink after class.
- Our family _____ time together at the cottage in the summer.
- _____ you _____ shy when you were young?
- Tom _____ so talkative! He was actually very quiet when he was young.
- When I was a kid, we _____ trees in my backyard for fun.
- My friend _____ a dog when we were young. We would always take him for walks.

11.4 – Use the words provided to write 'What/Where..did you use to..?' Then on the space provided, answer the questions yourself.

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| 1. music / listen to | 1. What music did you use to listen to? | -> I used to listen to rock and jazz. |
| 2. go on vacation | 2. Where did you use to go on vacation? | -> _____. |
| 3. go after school | 3. Where | ? -> _____. |
| 4. watch on tv | 4. _____ | ? -> _____. |
| 5. do on your birthday | 5. _____ | ? -> _____. |
| 6. hobbies / have | 6. _____ | ? -> _____. |
| 7. do with your friends | 7. _____ | ? -> _____. |
| 8. be afraid of | 8. _____ | ? -> _____. |