

Used To

Answer in full sentences using “used to” or “didn’t use to.” Give details or tell a story when you can.

Practice former habits and past states. Choose A2, B1, or B2 prompts to suit your students. These are suggested speaking-task levels.

A2 speaking practice

01. Where did you use to play when you were a child?
02. Which subjects did you use to get good grades in?
03. What used to be your favorite game to play?
04. What is a food that you used to hate but now you like?
05. What music did you use to dislike that you enjoy now?
06. What did you use to be afraid of that doesn't scare you now?
07. What did you use to think was boring that you like now?
08. Where did you use to dream of living?
09. What did you use to do when you felt shy?
10. Who did you use to ask for advice?
11. Who used to wake you up, and how?
12. What did a teacher use to do that made everyone laugh?
13. Tell us about an interesting job someone in your family used to have.
14. Who did you use to share a room with?
15. What did you use to do first when you got home from school?
16. Where did you use to do your homework?
17. What did you use to do on Sunday nights?
18. What did you use to listen to while you worked or studied?
19. What did you use to do during your school breaks?
20. What did you use to spend your allowance on?
21. What did you use to carry in your bag every day?
22. What did you use to have on your bedroom walls?
23. Which TV show did you use to watch every week?
24. What did you use to wear almost every day?
25. What did you use to do when a class was boring?
26. What did you use to save up to buy?

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B1 speaking practice

27. How often did you use to get in trouble when you were younger?
28. Tell us about something you used to believe because someone in your family said it.
29. What job did you use to think would be easy?
30. Describe an interest you used to keep secret.
31. What advice did you use to ignore that you now follow?
32. What did you use to blame on bad luck?
33. Tell us about someone you didn't use to get along with.
34. What didn't you use to care about that matters to you now?
35. Tell us about a superstition you used to take seriously.
36. What didn't you use to like about your name?
37. Tell us about something you used to believe about a place before you visited it.
38. What part of your appearance used to take the most time to get right?
39. Tell us about something you used to apologize for but no longer do.
40. Tell us about something your parents used to let you do that surprised other people.
41. Tell us about someone who used to take games much too seriously.
42. What did your family use to do when the power went out?
43. What habit of someone you lived with used to drive you crazy?
44. Who used to talk you into doing things that would get you into trouble?
45. Tell us about a family tradition you used to enjoy but no longer follow.
46. What used to upset your old boss or teacher?
47. How did you use to react when someone disagreed with you?
48. Tell us about a hobby you used to spend a lot of money on.
49. Tell us about a job you used to do that you would never do again.
50. What did you use to do to make a boring job more interesting?
51. What did you use to leave until the last minute?
52. Tell us about a class you used to look forward to.
53. Tell us about something you used to practice when nobody was watching.
54. What did you use to do when you had a whole day to yourself?

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B2 speaking practice

55. Tell us about an opinion you used to defend without knowing much about it.
56. What did you use to consider a failure that you now see differently?
57. Tell us about something you used to think you had to achieve by a certain age.
58. What did you use to admire about a lifestyle you wouldn't want now?
59. What problem used to seem like it would disappear if you had more money?
60. What did you use to believe everyone agreed about?
61. What didn't you use to feel comfortable discussing openly?
62. What did you use to put up with from other people that you no longer accept?
63. Tell us about something people used to praise you for that you no longer see as a compliment.
64. What did you use to do at work that was never part of your job?
65. What did you use to treat as a competition even though nobody else did?
66. Tell us about a routine you used to have that worked well but was hard to maintain.