

'Used to' for Past Habits and Facts

This is Mr Ridley. He's in prison! He was a dangerous criminal but the police arrested him. Let's look at his life now, and in the past...



He used to live in a mansion.



Now, he lives in a prison cell.



He used to eat at expensive restaurants.



Now, he eats prison food.



He used to wear designer suits.



Now, he wears a prison uniform.



He used to fly a helicopter.



Now, he sits in the prison van.



He used to watch films in his home cinema.



Now, he watches films in prison.



He used to go on holiday to Spain.



Now, he never goes on holiday.



He used to be a mean person.



Now, he sometimes remembers to be nice!



Is Mr Ridley happy now?

Questions

1. He used to go on holiday to Spain. Is this happening now, or did it happen in the past?

2. He used to eat at expensive restaurants. Did this happen once, or often? _____

3. He used to live in a mansion. Did he do this for one day, or a long time? _____

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4. Use the words to complete the affirmative, negative, question and short answer forms.

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Affirmative: He _____ live in a mansion.

Negative: He _____ use to eat prison food.

Question: _____ he use to eat in expensive restaurants?

Short answers: Yes, he _____.

No, he _____.

5. What type of verb do we use with 'used to'? Circle the correct option.

base form

verb with 'ing'

verb in the past simple form

6. Can you complete these sentences?

a. I _____ to go to a small school, but now I go to a big school.

b. I didn't _____ to live in a big city.

c. _____ you use to watch cartoons?

d. Where did you _____ to study English?

e. "Did you use to play football?" "Yes, I _____."

f. I used to _____ milk every morning for breakfast, but now I like tea.

g. Did you use _____ learn the violin?

h. I didn't _____ like vegetables, but now I do.

i. "_____ she _____ to sit next to you in class?"

j. Where _____ you _____ to go to school?

Your Turn!

Can you remember when you were 3 years old? What did you use to do then that you don't do now? What didn't you do?

Write 6 sentences with 'use to' or 'didn't use to'. You can use the pictures for help if you want.



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Answers

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in the past
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- Short answers:** Yes, he **did**.
No, he **didn't**.

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Free practice: Student answers may vary.