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GRAMMAR

used to

I can use used to to refer to past habits and routines.



- 1 **SPEAKING** Look at the photos. In what way are these things different today? Discuss with a partner.

(fashion friends music relationships school
technology travel)

- 2 **1.40** Listen to a dialogue between Chris and his granddad. Are the sentences about Chris's granddad true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 He **used to phone** people from the phone in the sitting room. ☐
- 2 He used to message people. ☐
- 3 He didn't use to live near his friends. ☐
- 4 His mum didn't use to like the loud music in his bedroom. ☐
- 5 His parents **bought** him a camera for his sixteenth birthday. ☐
- 6 He **used to have** five or six good friends. ☐

- 3 Read the GRAMMAR FOCUS. Complete the examples using the past forms in blue in Exercise 2.

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- You use **used to + verb** to talk about past states that are no longer true.
He ¹ _____ **have** five or six good friends.
- You use **used to + verb** to talk about regular past actions that don't happen anymore.
He ² _____ **phone** people from the phone in the sitting room.
- You don't use **used to + verb** to talk about a past action that only happened once. You use the **Past Simple**. His parents ³ _____ him a camera for his sixteenth birthday. (NOT ~~used to buy~~)

used to + verb

+ I **used to work** ...- He **didn't use to work** ...? **Did they use to work** ...? Yes, they **did**./No they **didn't**.

- 4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use **used to + verb** or the **Present Simple**.

- 1 People **used to read** (read) maps but now they **use** (use) GPS.
- 2 People _____ (not/use) their cars much but now they _____ (drive) everywhere.
- 3 People _____ (update) their online profiles now, but they _____ (write) letters.
- 4 Children _____ (play) inside now but in the past they _____ (play) outside.
- 5 Teachers _____ (suggest) books but now they _____ (give out) website addresses.
- 6 Families _____ (watch) the TV together but now they _____ (watch) it individually.
- 7 Students _____ (use) Google now, but they _____ (look up) things in encyclopedias.
- 8 Parents _____ (not/worry) so much but now they _____ (give) children less freedom.

- 5 **SPEAKING** Discuss the statements in Exercise 4. Do you think they are all true?

- 6 Replace the Past Simple with **used to + verb** if possible. Which sentences are true for you?

When I was at primary school, ...

- 1 my parents took me to school every day.
- 2 I didn't go online much.
- 3 I went on a school trip to the Science Museum.
- 4 I didn't like school dinners.
- 5 my parents bought me my first mobile phone. 6 I wanted to be an astronaut.

- 7 Make questions for the sentences in Exercise 6. Then ask and answer as in the example.

A: *Did your parents use to take you to school?*

B: *Yes, they did.*