

Simple past and Used to

Learn!

Simple past

I **was** on the soccer team last year.

Yesterday afternoon I **studied** for the exam.

I **walked** to school last Friday.

Used to

When I was in elementary school I **used to be** on the soccer team.

I **did not use to study** a lot at home but I used to pay a lot of attention in class.

Did you use to go to school by bus? No, I didn't. The school was very near my house.

Work it out!

1 Match the sentence parts to describe the rules of "used to."

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| a. We use the form "used to" to ... | _____ Did... use to...? |
| b. The negative form of 'used to' is ... | _____ refer to a habit or regular activity in the past that has now finished. |
| c. The simple past | _____ didn't use to... |
| d. The interrogative form of "used to" is ... | _____ refers to past actions that happened at a specific point of time. |

Use!

1 Make affirmative and negative sentences using "used to" + base form of the main verb.

- a. I / live in an apartment when I was a child. Then I moved to a house.

- b. We / go to the beach every summer.

- c. She / love eating chocolate. Now she hates it.

- d. Peter / be able to speak French. Now he has forgotten everything.

- e. Julie / to like dancing. Now she loves it.

- f. How often / you visit your grandma when you were young?

2 Write four things that you used or didn't use to do five years ago.

3 Interview a classmate to find out about him/her.