‘Used to’ is used to talk about past situations or habits that continued for months or years and to emphasize that the situation today is different.

‘Used to’ has the same form in all persons, singular and plural and it is followed by infinitive.

- I used to go to the movies a lot, but I don’t go very often now.
- Isaura used to drink a lot of coffee, but now she doesn’t drink it anymore.

We also use ‘Used to’ …for things that were true but are not true anymore.

- I used to think Armando was serious, but I realize he’s a very nice person.

I used to do something is past. There is no present form. You cannot say ‘I use to do’.

- Did Silvia use to have long hair?
- Carlos didn’t use to drink a lot of alcohol.
1. Complete then sentences with *used to*… and the verbs in the box.

| play | listen to | have | read | live | like |

0. When I was seven years old I **used to like** ice-cream.

1. I ____________ hide and seek.
2. Ten years ago I ____________ in an apartment.
3. When I was in elementary school I ____________ a bicycle.
4. My grand’pa ____________ to the radio and ____________ many books.

2. Ten years ago, Max was a student, now he is a doctor. Use the prompts to ask and answer questions about Max, as in the example

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A: Did Max use to be very neat?

B: **No, he didn’t. He used to be very messy.**

A: ____________

B: ____________

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B: ____________

A: ____________

B: ____________
3. Have you changed in the last ten years? Write answers to these questions.

1. Where did you use to spend your vacation ten years ago? Where do you go now?
   I used to…_____________________________________________________
   Now,…_______________________________________________________

2. What kind of music did you use to like then? Who were your favorite singers? What kind of music do you like now?
   ___________________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________

3. What kind of clothes did you use to wear? What kind of clothes do you wear now?
   ___________________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________
ANSWER KEY

UNIT 1

EXERCISE 1

1. used to play
2. used to live
3. used to have
4. used to listen / used to read

EXERCISE 2

A. Did he use to have his own house?
B. No, he didn’t. He used to live with his parents

A: Did he use to have his own car?
B: No he didn’t. He used to take the bus to the university.

A: Did use to go to the gym?
B: No, he didn’t. He used to play soccer.

A: Did he use to wear long hair?
B: No he didn’t. he used to wear long hair.

EXERCISE 3

* Answers will vary. Check them with a counselor.
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