

USED TO + Infinitive

We use **used to + infinitive** to talk about past habits which are now finished.

The Spanish for **used to + infinitive** is "*solía + infinitive*".

Example:

She **used to dream** about becoming a pop singer.

(*Solía soñar* con hacerse cantante de pop)

(*Soñaba* con hacerse cantante de pop)

The negative of used to is normally **didn't use to**.

Example:

She **didn't use to get** angry. (No *solía enfadarse*).

Wrong: ~~She didn't used to get angry.~~

We normally form questions with **did use to ?**

Example:

Did you use to take the subway?. (*¿Solías coger el metro?*).

Wrong: ~~Did you used to take the subway?.~~

EXERCISE

Put one verb in each sentence into the **used to form** and the other into the **present simple**.

Example: When Margot first became a doctor, she (work) used to work in a small hospital in Brighton but now she (work) works in a large hospital in London.

- Robert (be) _____ interested in football, but he (not be) _____ very interested in it any more.
- Nowadays Kate (never / go) _____ dancing, but she (go) _____ a lot before she was married.
- That shop (be) _____ a grocer's when I was a child. Now, it (be) _____ a supermarket.
- Britain (have) _____ military service, but it (not have) _____ it any more.
- France (be) _____ a republic now, but it (be) _____ a monarchy.
- "(You / like) _____ history when you were at school?".
"No, I didn't", but now I (find) _____ quite interesting".