

Lesson 12: Used to Vb

About USED TO + VB ...

SEMI-MODALS: **Used to** is a "semi-modal" A semi-modal is like other modal X-Words (can, could, shall, should, will, would, must, might, may) because it is always followed by a base verb. However, with semi-modals, you often add *do*, *does*, or *did* to make questions or negatives. Because **used to** always refers to things in the past, use **did** as the X-Word.

Meaning *Used to + Vb* means you did something in the past, but not now.

Annie used to live in Beijing.
Does Annie live in Beijing now? _____

Sanguk used to be in the army.
Is Sanguk in the army now? _____

Form *used to + Vb* is like an X-Word because it adds meaning to the verb (always Vb) that follows it and because it give us a different feeling of time.

It gives us a feeling of past vs. present.

used to + Vb is like a **V/XD** because you need **did** to make questions and negatives.

Did you use to live in Brooklyn?
She didn't use to smoke.

Good news!!

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Use *used to + Vb* has the sense "not anymore" There is often a **but** or **but now** attached.

I used to smoke, but I quit.
My grandmother used to have red hair, but now her hair is gray.



used to + Vb is completely different from the verb *to use* NOUN.

NOTE

VXO what?
I use toothpaste when I brush my teeth.

used to + Vb is completely different from the idioms "am used to NOUN" and "get used to NOUN" meaning "accustomed to."

NOTE

X what? X mw VXO what?
I am used to the cold weather, but I will never get used to American food.

Lesson 12 Exercise 1

Complete these sentences:

1. I used to be thin, but now I'm _____.
2. She used to be poor, but now she's _____.
3. We used to drink coffee, but now we drink _____.
4. They used to live in China, but now they live in _____.

Lesson 12 Exercise 2

Answer these questions in full sentences. (Don't forget to drop the "d" from used if you use didn't.)

Example: Did your grandmother use to have a cat?
Yes, my grandmother used to have a cat.
No, my grandmother didn't use to have a cat.

When you were a child...

1. Did you use to live in Los Angeles?
2. Did you use to be thinner than you are now?
3. Did you use to sleep late?
4. Where did you use to go to school?

Lesson 12 Exercise 3 practice with form

Write these sentences as negatives and questions.

1 Tianqi used to get really bad grades.

(Neg) _____

(Yes/No) _____

2 Sohwa used to have trouble sitting still.

(Neg) _____

(Yes/No) _____

3 Sumin would study for hours when she was in high school

(Neg) _____

(Yes/No) _____

4 Alejandra used make dinner for her family every night at home.

(Neg) _____

(Yes/No) _____

Lesson 12 Exercise 4

Write 3 things that you used to do.

Example: I used to visit my grandmother often.

1.

2.

3.

