



ENGLISH

Chapter 1 Session B

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SECONDARY

CHANGING LIVES
SIMPLE PAST & USED TO



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GRAMMAR 1

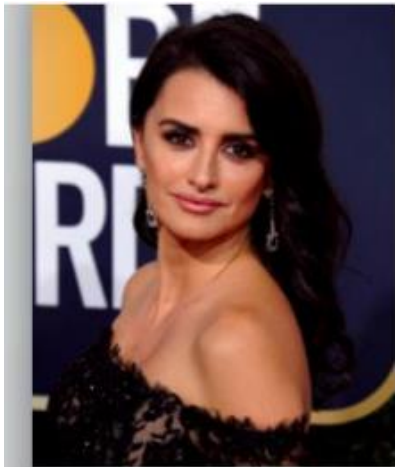
Review: Simple Past

- 1 Look at the chart. Then underline the words to complete the sentences about the simple past.

simple past	regular verbs	irregular verbs
+	She developed a passion for acting.	She got a scholarship.
-	They didn't move with the family.	She didn't have an easy childhood.
?	Did she star in many movies?	Did she win several awards?
short answers	Yes, she did. No, she didn't.	Yes, she did. No, she didn't.

- a The simple past tense is used to express **finished** / **unfinished** actions in the past.
- b To form the simple past affirmative of **regular** / **irregular** verbs, *-ed* or *-d* are usually added to the base form of the verb.
- c **Regular** / **Irregular** verbs usually have a different form in affirmative sentences.
- d In negative sentences, the auxiliary *didn't* is used to form the simple past tense. It comes **before** / **after** the main verb.
- e In questions, the auxiliary *did* is used **before** / **after** the subject. The main verb keeps its base form.
- f In short answers, the auxiliaries *did* (affirmative) / *didn't* (negative) **are** / **aren't** used.

- 2 Complete the mini bio with the simple past form of the verbs in parentheses.



Penélope Cruz a was born (be born) in Spain in 1974. When she was younger she b _____ (want) to be a ballet dancer, and she c _____ (study) ballet for nine years. Then she d _____ (decide) to become an actress. She e _____ (appear) in a music video for the group Mecano when she f _____ (be) only 15. She g _____ (make) her first movie in 1992 at the age of 17 and h _____ (become) famous as a result. She i _____ (win) an Oscar for Best Supporting Actress in 2008. She j _____ (start) going out with actor Javier Bardem in 2007 and they k _____ (get) married in 2010 and had two babies.

3 Complete the statements and questions about Penélope Cruz in the simple past tense.

a _____ any Academy Awards?

Yes, she won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress in the 2008 film *Vicky Cristina Barcelona*.

b Did she marry Tom Cruise?

No, _____. She
_____ Javier Bardem.

c Who _____ with in *Loving Pablo*?

She starred in this movie with Javier Bardem!

d When _____ that?

That was in 2017.

4 Do these sentences express single finished actions in the past? Mark (✓) or (✗).

- a** ☐ Jennifer Lawrence dropped out of school at the age of 14.
- b** ☐ Viola's mom used to participate in civil rights demonstrations.
- c** ☐ Viola got a scholarship to study drama.
- d** ☐ Penélope Cruz used to study classical ballet.
- e** ☐ At the age of 25, Penélope Cruz moved to Hollywood.

used to

- 5** Look at the chart and choose the correct information in the sentences below.

used to	
+	She used to participate in demonstrations.
–	She didn't use to have lunch at home.
?	Did she use to walk to school? Yes, she did . No, she didn't .

a We use *used to* to talk about

- ☐ past habits and states that no longer happen now.
- ☐ single finished actions in the past.

b The sentence structure is:

- ☐ used to / didn't use to / did + subject + use to + main verb in the simple past.
- ☐ used to / didn't use to / did + subject + use to + main verb in the infinitive.

- 6** Complete the text using the correct form of the verbs in parentheses. Use *used to*.

Our lifestyles have changed a lot thanks to computers, the internet and cell phones. People **a** used to look up (look up) information in reference books such as encyclopedias, but now they **b** _____ (use) the internet. They **c** _____ (write) letters, and communication **d** _____ (take) days or weeks, but now they **e** _____ (send) emails or text messages and communication **f** _____ (be) instant. Thirty years ago, people **g** _____ (not have) cell phones, they **h** _____ (use) landlines or use phone booths. It's true that communication **i** _____ (be) easier and faster now, but people **j** _____ (spend) more time talking face-to-face.

7 Read the text again. Write questions with *used to*. Then answer the questions.

a people / use the internet / 30 years ago?

b communication / be instant?

c people / send emails?

d people / make phone calls from phone booths?

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INTERFACE Work in pairs. Ask and answer questions with *used to*.

What did you use to do when you were 10?

I used to play soccer every Saturday.




LISTENING

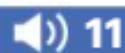
Lifestyle Changes

- 1 Look at the pictures and talk to a classmate. How do you think people's lifestyles change at these ages?



- 2  11 Listen to the radio show. Do they mention any of your ideas?

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Listen again and match the people to the activities.

a Emma

☐ usually bikes twice a week

b Frank

☐ retired 8 months ago

c Gary

☐ used to go out a lot but
doesn't go out much now

d Helen

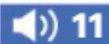
e Ivan

☐ used to go on vacation with
her parents

☐ started his own business
last year



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Listen again and complete the sentences with the correct number.

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10	9	26	40	

Emma went to Cancun with 5 friends for 10 days.

- a Frank is in his _____s and he bought a bike _____ years ago.
- b Gary is _____ years old and he finished college _____ years ago.
- c Helen had a baby _____ years ago. The last time she did any art was _____ years ago.
- d Ivan has _____ grandchildren.





Simple Past (Review) and *used to*

- 1** Complete the sentences with the simple past form of the verbs in parentheses.

A lot of people in my class took a gap year before college. (take)

- a** She's very shy so she _____ new friends during her trip. (not make)
- b** The science teacher often _____ about rockets when we were in 8th grade. (talk)
- c** _____ Maria _____ about becoming famous before being famous? (dream)

- d** My little brother _____ into some serious trouble at school. (get)
- e** I _____ much about the trade on my first job interview. (not know)
- f** At what age _____ your grandparents _____? (retire)

2 Complete the questions and answers using the simple past form of the verbs in parentheses.

Q: Why did she get (she get) so upset?

A: Because Eddie didn't invite (not invite) her to his party.

a Q: How much money _____ (you win)?

A: I _____ (win) \$500.

b Q: Why _____ (you be) late for school this morning?

A: I _____ (not be) late. I _____ (arrive) at eight fifteen.

c Q: When _____ (they break up)?

A: They _____ (break up) about a year ago.

d Q: Where _____ (he lose) his cell phone?

A: He _____ (leave) it on the bus, I think.

e Q: Why _____ (you take) the last chocolate cookie?

A: I _____ (not take) it. Martin _____ (take) it.

3 Underline the correct words.

We always used to / **didn't use to** go on vacation to Guatemala but this summer we went to Peru.

- a Caroline **used to** / **didn't use to** have long hair but she had it cut last week.
- b I **used to** / **didn't use to** like sports very much because I wasn't very good at it.
- c There **used to** / **didn't use to** be a swimming pool here but they built one last year.
- d My parents **used to** / **didn't use to** hate camping, but they love it now.
- e One hundred years ago, most women **used to** / **didn't use to** go to college or work outside the home.

- 4 When his family moved from Los Angeles to a village near the sea, Chris's life changed a lot. Complete the sentences using *used to* and *didn't use to*.

Before Chris...	Now Chris...
lived in a small apartment on a busy street	lives in a big house with a garden
had a small room with a view of a parking lot	has a big room with a view of the sea
met his friends at the shopping mall	meets his friends at the beach
spent all his free time playing computer games	spends all his free time surfing

a He used to live in a small apartment on a busy street.

He didn't use to live in a big house with a garden.

b He _____ a small room with a view of a parking lot.

He _____ a big room with a view of the sea.

c He _____ his friends at the beach.

He _____ his friends at the shopping mall.

d He spends all his free time surfing now but he _____ all his free time playing computer games.