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My schooldays

DAVID SUCHET, actor, played Hercule Poirot in the TV series of Agatha Christie murder mysteries.

Interview by Tim Oglethorpe

Where did you go to school?

Grenham House, a boarding school in Kent, and Wellington School, a private school in Somerset.

What's the most important lesson you learned at school?

One thing my schooldays did teach me was the importance of teamwork. At boarding school, I was an outsider and I was really, truly unhappy there. When I started playing sport at Grenham House, I became a member of a team, and I felt a lot better about myself. Like sport, acting is also nearly always a team event and you rely just as much on other people as they do on you.

Did you ever behave badly?

Yes, I did. My brother and I both went to the same school and sometimes, we used to break the rules. In private schools at that time, a common punishment used to be 'the cane': a long stick which the head teacher used for hitting naughty boys. Both of us were caned on several occasions.

What subjects were you good at?

Well, I wasn't very academic at all, really, and I was very bad at maths. Luckily for me, I was really good at sport and that's the only reason they accepted me at Wellington. I was in the school rugby team, and I also played tennis. I played at Wimbledon once, in the junior tournament, and I got through to the second round.

What did you want to do when you left school?

Although I was good at sport, I never really considered taking it up professionally. Once I left Wellington, I wanted to become an actor and I didn't play nearly as much sport when I left school.

Did you have a favorite teacher?

Yes, my favorite teacher was Mr. Storr, head of the school tennis team, and also my English teacher. One day, when I was 14 or 15, I had to read in class. After the class, he said to me, 'The way you read suggests you might enjoy acting. Would you consider playing Macbeth in the school play?' That was the beginning of my acting career, and I've never looked back since.

Question True / False

1. David Suchet thinks it's important to work together with others.
 - True
 - False

2. He loved his first school.

- True
- False

3. David and his brother always used to behave well.

- True
- False

4. In the past the head teacher could hit people with a stick.

- True
- False

5. David didn't use to be very good at studying.

- True
- False

6. He only got into Wellington because he was good at sport.

- True
- False

7. David wanted to be a tennis player when he left school.

- True
- False



8. Mr. Storr taught maths and coached the tennis team.

- True
- False

Match the words to the definitions.

1. the study of things like heat, sound and light	physics
2. the study of the earth and its mountains, rivers, land and people	geography
3. the study of the life of animals and plants	biology
4. the study of books, plays and poetry	literature
5. the study of things that happened in the past	history
6. the study of gases, liquids and solids to find out what they are	Chemistry
7. the study of paintings, sculptures, etc. and how they are created	Art
8. the study of numbers, measurements and shapes	maths

maths	biology	chemistry	history	physics	art	literature	geography
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Worksheet 11

Used to + infinitive

1 Complete the sentences with these words.

didn't use to used to use to

- 1 What did you use to throw away?
- 2 We didn't use throw things away. ✗
- 3 We used to keep things we might want later. ✓

2 Choose the correct words to complete each sentence.

200 years ago ...

- 1 ... people used to / *didn't use to* make their own clothes.
- 2 ... people *used to* / didn't use to have mobile phones.
- 3 ... people used to / *didn't use to* read books.
- 4 ... people *used to* / didn't use to watch TV.
- 5 ... people *used to* / didn't use to drive cars.
- 6 ... people used to / *didn't use to* walk everywhere.

3 Choose the correct words to complete each sentence.

- 1 Why did people _____ mend their clothes?
a) used to b) use to c) didn't use to
- 2 I _____ like watching football, but now I do.
a) used to b) use to c) didn't use to
- 3 What did you _____ like doing when you were young?
a) used to b) use to c) didn't use to

- 4 John _____ like Mary, but he doesn't now.

a) used to b) use to c) didn't use to

- 5 People _____ produce as much rubbish as we do nowadays.
a) used to b) use to c) didn't use to
- 6 Did you _____ collect anything when you were young?
a) used to b) use to c) didn't use to

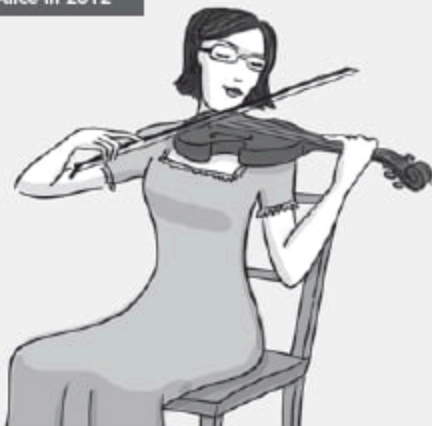
4 Complete these sentences with *used to* or *didn't use to*.

- 1 I didn't use to play the guitar, but I do now.
- 2 I used to ride a bike, but I don't any more.
- 3 I used to collect stamps, but I don't any more.
- 4 I didn't use to enjoy getting up early, but I do now.
- 5 I didn't use to be worried about the environment, but I am now.
- 6 I used to be afraid of flying, but I'm not anymore.
- 7 I didn't use to know how to use a computer, but I do now.

11A GRAMMAR *used to / didn't use to*

Look at how Alice and Johnny have changed. For each person, write eight sentences using *used to / didn't use to* about what they were like in the past.

Alice in 2012



- 1 She used to wear dresses.
- 2 She didn't use to ride a motorbike.
- 3 She used to play the violin.
- 4 She used to wear glasses.

Alice now



- 5 She used to have a tattoo on her arm.
- 6 She used to have very long hair.
- 7 She didn't use to wear jeans and T-shirts.
- 8 She didn't use to play the guitar.

Johnny in 2012



- 9 He used to watch TV all day.
- 10 He didn't use to do any sport or exercise.
- 11 He didn't use to wear a suit and tie.
- 12 He used to have a beard and a moustache.

Johnny now



- 13 He used to be a bit overweight.
- 14 He didn't use to wear jeans.
- 15 He didn't use to eat healthy food.
- 16 He didn't use to have long hair.

ACTIVATION

- 1 Look at the pictures. Make sentences with *used to* and *didn't use to* about Alice and Johnny.
- 2 Write two sentences with *used to* and two sentences with *didn't use to* about yourself.

Used To

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Result: __/20 Date: __/__/20__

1. I didn't use to do any better myself ... Eh, Wilhelm, that you will have remembered even in your booziness? **(not/do)**
2. More than that, he used to make songs, bringing in whatever little jokes we had between us. **(make)**
3. You didn't use to be so stand off and distant. **(not/be)**
4. And she used to look into the faces of the people she met, and wonder what was absorbing them. **(look into)**
5. His father too possessed a horse which he often used to take out into the fields to graze. **(take out)**
6. Really deeply stupid, and at that stage when in old days I used to pour out words without any meaning whatever and with my mind taking no part in the performance. **(pour)**
7. But on the spot where his cottage used to stand he found a spacious castle. **(stand)**
8. She used to sit and stare at her. **(sit)**
9. But the greatest part of the powder he used to hide in a secret place cut into the step of his chariot. **(hide)**
10. We used to call it a Western town in the heart of the civilization of New England. **(call)**
11. I didn't use to think much of it once, but I do now. **(not/think)**
12. He used to hit out before, but of me he was always fond! **(hit)**
13. I used to look upon him as a patriarch. **(look)**
14. I used to cry out in a rage. **(cry)**
15. Once upon a time this was the watch he used to come up and start a chat with either of us then on deck. **(come up)**



SCHOOL SUBJECTS

Read the description and write the correct numbers beside the pictures.



geography



music



drama



art



math/maths



science



biology



history



IT



French



English



PE

1. You learn how to sing and listen to famous composers like Beethoven and Mozart.
2. You learn about numbers and find out how to calculate.
3. You learn about past events and famous people from long time ago.
4. You learn about computer, word-processing, databases and spreadsheets.
5. You learn how to speak, write and understand English.
6. You stretch, bend, run and jump.
7. You try to draw and paint like Picasso.
8. You learn how to act and perform on stage.
9. You learn about chemistry and physics.
10. You learn "Bonjour", "au revoir" and "Merci".
11. You study human body and animals.
12. You learn about different areas and countries, as well as the world's weather, mountains, seas and lakes, etc..