**'Used to' Expression:**

When we talk about the past, we can use 'Used to' expression. We use this expression before the base form of the verb to talk about habits or repeated actions in the past which we don't do in the present.

Examples:

I used to smoke two packets a day, but I stopped two years ago.

Ben used to travel a lot in his job but now, since his promotion, he doesn't.

She used to drive to work, but now she takes the bus.

We also use it for something that was true but no longer is.

Examples:

There used to be a cinema in the town, but now there isn't.

This building used to be a library. Now it's a mall.

She used to have really long hair, but she's had it all cut off.

I didn't use to like him, but now I do.

*Note: Don't use 'Be' before 'Used to'.*

Examples:

I am used to have a dog. (Wrong)

I used to have a dog. (Right)

*Note: Don't confuse 'I used to do' and 'I am used to doing'*

**Forming the negative of 'Used to':**

To form the negative, we use 'did not' before the base form of 'Used to'.

Examples:

She didn't use to like chocolate, but she does now.

We didn't use to live in such a big city.

**Forming the question with 'Used to':**

To form the question, we use 'did' before the subject which is followed by the base form of 'Used to'.

1. Yes / No question:

Examples:

Did he use to study French?

Yes, he did.

No, he didn't.

Did you use to be fat when you were a child?

Yes, I did.

No, I didn't.

2. Information question:

Examples:

Where did they use to live? They used to live in Brazil.

How did people use to travel two centuries ago? They used to travel on camels.

*Note: There are more examples in your text book (page 5).*