

STUDY REFERENCE

GRAMMAR Work experience

Language Summary

Used to

- You use *used to* to talk about things that regularly happened in the past, but don't happen now.
*I **used to** play football, but now I don't have the time.*
- You also use *used to* to talk about past states or situations which are not true now.
*I **used to** live in New York, but now I live in San Diego.*

Affirmative: *used to + infinitive*

*I **used to** play football, but now I don't have the time.*

Negative: *didn't (did not) + use to + infinitive*

*I **didn't use to** play golf, but now I play every week.*

Question: *Did + subject + use to + infinitive*

Did you use to drive a truck?

Note:

Used to can never be in the present tense: *Now I use to type letters every day at work.*

The correct way to say this is: *Now I type letters every day at work* (present simple).

You can use the past simple instead of *used to*.

Used to emphasizes the fact that the action/state happened often or for a long time, and is now finished.

*In my last job, I **used to have** a company car.*

*In my last job, I **had** a company car.*

