

## Grammar

### Past Simple and Used to

#### Past Simple

We use the past tense to talk about:

**something that happened in the past:**

I met my wife in 1952.

We went to Antalya last summer.

#### Past Continuous

We use the **past continuous** to describe actions in progress at a time in the past.

The action starts before that time and continues after that time.

» I was sleeping at 7 o'clock yesterday.

Past simple interrupts the 'situation' described by the past continuous tense.

» When the phone rang, I was reading a book.

#### Used to

We use "**used to**" to talk about a past situation or habit that continued for a long time and to emphasize that the situation is different today.

» When I was a child , I used to play street games every day. (I don't do that now.)

We make negative sentences and questions with **didn't + used to**:

» She didn't use to smoke.  
(She smokes right now.)

We form questions with:  
**did + S+ use + to+ V1?**

» Did he use to feed a dog?



Look at the table below and write full sentences using **past continuous** and **past simple**. In your sentences don't forget to include "while", "when".

The person	What was he/she doing?	What Happened?
Jason	sleep	hear a strange noise
Paul	watch TV	mother came
Emma	walk on the street	fall down
Jennifer	study for the exam	her friend call
Steve	play football	injure himself

1. ....
2. ....
3. ....
4. ....
5. ....

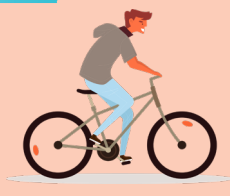


**B** Look at the table below and write full sentences using **"used to"**.

1998



have a dog



ride a bike



live in İzmir



be single



work as a waiter



read books



drink coke



eat junk food

NOW



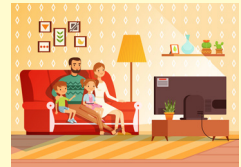
have a cat



drive a car



live in Ankara



be married



have a coffee shop



watch movies



drink water



eat healthy food

1. Jack used to have a dog but now he has a cat.

2. ....

3. ....

4. ....

5. ....

6. ....

7. ....

8. ....



**C** Read the Texts and mark the sentences T "true" or F "false".

I'm Selim Yılmaz and 72 years old. I was born in a small town of Aydın in Turkey. In the town, when I was young we used to have an endless friendship. We used to chat and forget about time there. We used to share our love, grief, happiness together. We didn't use to stay at our homes together. Whenever we had time, we used to meet in the neighborhood. Those were happy days... Now, the new generation has better friends! Their smartphones! They don't share anything with the people around them. They don't listen each other. They just want to spend time with their smartphones.

I'm Aydan Korkmaz and 59 years old. Reading... It is my hobby. I read whatever I find. When I was a student, our teacher gave lots of research homework. We used to go to the libraries and do research for hours and hours. We didn't have an easier way, so we used to be absorbed in reading encyclopedias. Now I see my grandchildren, they do nothing to search! Just clicking! Google gives them everything. It is their online libraries now. They never pass time in libraries and don't like searching by reading books. I think old generations were luckier because we never forgot the smell from the pages of encyclopedias.

1. ☐ Selim Yılmaz misses the old days.
2. ☐ Selim Yılmaz didn't use to have any friends in the past.
3. ☐ Selim Yılmaz had great time in the town when he was young.
4. ☐ Aydan Korkmaz used to do research online when she was a student.
5. ☐ Aydan Korkmaz thinks the new generations are luckier.
6. ☐ Aydan Korkmaz used to read encyclopedias to do her research homework.

**D** Match the sentences.

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Selin didn't use to smoke at all.            | a. But now, turning on the tap is enough.          |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Primitive humans used to hunt for meat.      | b. But now, they are colorful.                     |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Kate didn't use to drive so well.            | c. But, today's nations do it by using rockets.    |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> The Earth used to be a green planet.         | d. But now, there are robots instead.              |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> TV screens used to be black and white.       | e. But, I hate him now.                            |
| 6. <input type="checkbox"/> There used to be workers in the factories.   | f. Today, there aren't any.                        |
| 7. <input type="checkbox"/> I used to love Jessie.                       | g. But, it isn't anymore.                          |
| 8. <input type="checkbox"/> People used to fight with spears and arrows. | h. But today, people have some from the butcher's. |
| 9. <input type="checkbox"/> There used to be a lot of parks in my town.  | i. But today, she suffers from lung cancer.        |
| 10. <input type="checkbox"/> People used to walk for miles to get water. | j. But now, she drives like a professional.        |



**E** Answer the questions about yourself.

1. Did you use to drink milk when you were 5 years old?

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2. Were you watching TV at 10 o'clock last night?

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3. Did you go to the holiday last Summer?

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4. What did you use to do when you were a child?

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5. Was your friend talking when the teacher came last lesson?

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6. Did you use to have short hair when you were 12 years old?

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7. What were you doing at 8 o'clock in the evening?

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**F** Fill in the blanks using *past simple* and *past continuous*.

Brian \_\_\_\_\_ (have)  
dinner when his mother  
\_\_\_\_\_ (come) home.



I \_\_\_\_\_ (vacuum)  
the floor when the doorbell  
\_\_\_\_\_ (ring).



When Ann \_\_\_\_\_ (call)  
her, Rose \_\_\_\_\_  
(study) for the English exam.



Megan \_\_\_\_\_  
(sleep) in the living room when  
the burglars \_\_\_\_\_  
(break into) the house.



David \_\_\_\_\_ (break) his  
arm while he \_\_\_\_\_  
(play) football with his friends.



While Tim \_\_\_\_\_  
(cook) dinner, his son  
\_\_\_\_\_ (get) home.