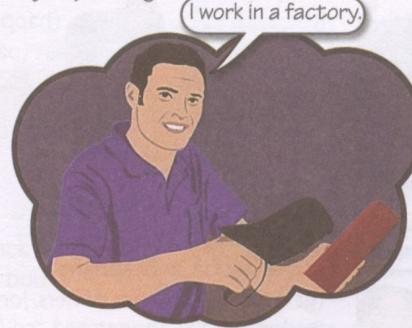


I used to ...

DAVE a few years ago



DAVE today

Dave **used to work** in a factory. Now he **works** in a supermarket.he **used to** workhe **works**

past

now

Dave **used to work** in a factory = he worked in a factory before, but he doesn't work there now

B

You can say **I used to work** ... / **she used to have** ... / **they used to be** ... etc.:

I/you/we/they he/she/it	used to	be work have play etc.
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- When I was a child, I **used to like** chocolate.
- I **used to read** a lot of books, but I don't read much these days.
- Liz has short hair now, but it **used to be** very long.
- They **used to live** on the same street as us, so we **used to see** them a lot. But we don't see them much anymore.
- Allison **used to have** a piano, but she sold it a few years ago.

The negative is **I didn't use to** ...:

- I **didn't use to like** tomatoes, but I like them now.

The question is **did you use to** ... ?

- Where **did you use to live** before you came here?

C

We use **used to** ... only for the past. You cannot say "I use to ..." for the present:

- I **used to play** tennis. Now I **play** golf. (not I use to play golf)
- We usually **get** up early. (not We use to get up early)

Exercises

Unit 15

15.1 Look at the pictures. Complete the sentences with **used to**

<p>1 This is me a few years ago.</p>  <p>She used to have long hair.</p>	<p>2 When I was younger ...</p>  <p>He ... soccer.</p>	<p>3 I'm a hairdresser now.</p>  <p>a taxi driver.</p>
<p>4 We live in New York City now.</p>  <p>OUR HOME IN THE COUNTRY 20 YEARS AGO</p> <p>in the country.</p>	<p>5 This is me 20 years ago. I never wear glasses now.</p>  <p>Now</p>	 <p>This building ...</p>

15.2 Amanda works very hard and has very little free time. A few years ago, things were different.

Amanda a few years ago

Do you play any sports? → Yes, I swim every day, and I play volleyball.

Do you go out much? → Yes, three or four nights a week.

Do you play a musical instrument? → Yes, the guitar.

Do you like to read? → Yes, I read a lot.

Do you travel much? → Yes, I take two or three trips a year.

Amanda now



I work very hard at my job. I don't have any free time.

Write sentences about Amanda with **used to**

1 She **used to swim every day.** 4

2 She volleyball. 5

3 6

15.3 Complete these sentences. Use **used to** or the **simple present** (**I play / he lives**, etc.).

1 I **used to play** tennis. I stopped playing a few years ago.

2 "Do you play any sports?" "Yes, I **play** basketball."

3 "Do you have a car?" "No, I one, but I sold it."

4 Kevin a waiter. Now he's the manager of a hotel.

5 "Do you go to work by car?" "Sometimes, but most days I by train."

6 When I was a child, I never meat, but I eat it now.

7 Hannah loves to watch TV. She TV every night.

8 We near the airport, but we moved downtown a few years ago.

9 Normally I start work at 7:00, so I up very early.

10 Where you before you came to this company?