

USED TO

Si usa per parlare di situazioni e abitudini del passato che ora sono diverse.

SI COSTRUISCE:

USED TO + VERBO BASE

es: I **used to** swim when I was young

(+) I used to play the piano
you used to have short hair
he used to forget his homework
she used to work in a shop
it used to bite (mordere)
we used to like reality shows
you used to eat meat
they used to watch videos.

(-) I didn't use to play the drums
you didn't use to have long hair
he didn't use to study much at home
she didn't use to be rich and famous
it didn't use to drink water
we didn't use to watch documentaries
you didn't use to be vegetarians
they didn't use to have a DVD player.

(?) Did you use to live in Italy?

Yes, I did/ No, I didn't

Did she use to be a singer?

yes, she did/ No, she didn't

es: She **used to live** in England but now she lives in Italy

(abitava in Inghilterra ma ora vive in Italia)

- **USED TO:** per azioni abituali o ripetute nel passato. Non per eventi specifici

es: They **used to go** to the seaside every summer (abitudine)

(loro andavano al mare ogni estate)

es: They **went** to the seaside last summer (evento specifico)

(sono andati al mare la scorsa estate)

- **USED TO:** è una forma del passato che corrisponde all'imperfetto italiano.

es: Charlie **used to work** in London (Charlie lavorava a Londra)