Memories

talking about memories simple past regular and irregular; used to

verb collocations; common uses of get





Get talking!

Discuss the pictures with a partner.

What can you see? Where are these people? What's happening?

Do you have a good memory? Who do you remember from your days in high school?

Conversation

on Listen and read.

Sally: It's great to see everyone again. I can't believe it.

We all look so different now.

Akiko: Yeah, it's amazing. Oh, there's Liz Sayer. Blonde, in the green dre

Do you remember her?

Sally: Yes. She used to sit next to me in class.

Akiko: Oh yes, that's right. Didn't you use to live near each other?

Yes. We're still good friends now, actually. Sally:

Akiko: Oh, and is that James Marston with her?

Yes, but I didn't use to speak to him in those days. Sally:

Akiko: You didn't? He was very popular. He used to date Liz, you know.

Sally: Really? I didn't know that.

Akiko: Oh, yes. He used to date everyone.

I wonder what he's doing now.

Sally: He's studying to be a doctor.

Akiko: Oh, so do you still know him?

Sally: Yes, I do. Actually ... we're married.

Practice the conversation with a partner.

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They **left** high school many years ago.

He didn't get good grades. Did you enjoy your school days?

We used to go to school by bus. I didn't use to like English.

Did you use to play a lot of sports?

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Close your book. With your partner, continue the conversation.

Oh, I didn't know that. When did you ...?

Vocabulary

1 Complete the text with these verbs.

get	live	make	pretend	stay	take	work		
"I used to ¹ .	wor	-k_ hard	at high school	l. I always	used to	2	good {	grades.
I used to fin	d it diffi	cult to ³	frie	ends, tho	ugh. My fa	amily used	to ⁴	
			p used to 5 _			wo hours.		
Sometimes	l used t	0 6	I was sic	ck, so Pco	uld 7	ć	at home!"	Yumiko

Write each verb in the correct space.

	do reel go riave pidy	take	
1	the train / forever / a test	4	computer games / baseball / music
2	fun / a pet / long hair	5	sick / shy / lonely
3	abroad / on vacation // to the movies	6	the chores / your homework / karate

3 What were your high school days like? Tell a partner.

I didn't use to work very hard. I used to play a lot of sports.

Real life exchange

Before you listen, complete the conversation using use/used to. Work with a partner.

A: When you were younger, did you 1 ______ like gym class?

B: No, I 2 _____ hate gym. I 3 _____ pretend to be sick sometimes.

A: Really? So did I. I didn't 4 _____ enjoy school at all, actually.

B: Neither did I. And I never 5 _____ get good grades.

A: And they say school days are the best days of your life!

2 03 Listen and check. Then practice the conversation with your partner.

Strategy: **Agreeing**

Agree with each statement using So/Neither ... ι_{i}

A: I started school when I was six.

B: So did I.

1 I used to love swimming when I was a kid./

2 I didn't use to like pasta when I was young.

3 I'd like to go back to my high school one day.

4 I can't remember much from before (was six.

5 I was much happier in college than in high school.

6 I couldn't walk until I was two years old.

So did 1.

Neither ...

Communication activity

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In your words

Think of a person you used to know, a place you used to go, and an activity you used to do when you were younger. Write notes.

A person I used to know ...

Who do you remember?

When did you know this person?

What do you remember about the person

Other details:

When was the last time you saw this person?



A place I used to go ...

Where is it?

When did you use to go there?

Who did you use to go there with?

What did you use to do there?

Other details: _

Why did you stop going there?

An activity I used to do ...

What activity did you use to do?

Where did you use to do it?

Who did you use to do it with?

How long did you do it?

Why did you stop?

Other details: ___

With a partner, take turns talking about the person, place and activity you remember. Use your notes to help you.

I remember a girl called Maiko.

She was my best friend in elementary school. We used to ...

🛨 Challenge!

Write five sentences about yourself when you were younger, using *used to* and *didn't use to*. Then make a group and tell your classmates.

I used to live in Canada.

Listening

- 1 06 Listen to Ricardo from Mexico talk about an early memory of a fishing trip.
 Answer the questions.
 - 1 Who did he go fishing with?
 - 2 How old was he?
 - 3 Did he catch any fish?
- 2 06 Listen again and write T (true) or F (false) for each statement.
 - 1 ____ Ricardo and his father often used to go fishing.
 - 2 ____ It was Ricardo's first fishing trip.
 - 3 ____ The fish they caught were pretty small.
 - 4 _____ They threw some fish back into the river.
 - 5 ____ The fish tasted good.



1 Interview a partner. Find things you both have in common.

A DAY IN OUR LIVES ...

What can you remember from your younger days?

- Where did you use to live when you were a child?
- What's your first memory of elementary school?
- Can you remember what games you used to play?
- Did you use to help with the chores around the house?
- What band did you like when you were younger?
- √Can you remember your first day at high school?
- Did you use to have a nickname at school?
- What pet did you use to have?
- Did you use to worry about your appearance?



- 2 Make a group and tell your classmates what you and your partner have in common.
- A: We both used to play soccer at school when we were younger.
- B: Yes, and we both liked the same band.



Think of a happy memory from your childhood. Tell your partner.

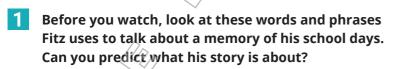
I remember a trip to the zoo when I was around six years old. It was ...

Skills expansion

Listening

Skill: **Predicting**

- Martha, from Maryland, U.S., is 106 years old.
 What do you think her life used to be like 100 years ago?
 Circle the statements you think are true.
 - 1 ____ Martha didn't go to school.
 - 2 ____ The laundry and ironing used to take three day:
 - 3 ____ She used to get water from a river.
 - 4 ____ She used to take a bath once a month
 - 5 ____ The toilet was outside, near the house.
 - 6 ____ She used to travel by horse.
 - 7 ____ There was electricity where she lived.
 - 8 ____ She used to be unhappy when she was a child.
- 2 07 Listen to Martha answer questions on a radio show about her life. Mark each statement T (true) or F (false).



won retake rule track team failed championships grades begged

- Watch the video. Did you correctly predict Fitz's story?
- Fitz used to be on the track team at senior high school.

 In order to participate, students had to get good grades.

 Unfortunately, he failed an exam the week before the national championships. He begged his coach to let him retake the test. He studied all night and passed the exam in the morning, so he was able.
- What school sports or activities did you use to do when you were younger? Do you have happy memories of them? Tell a partner.

to race. In fact, his team, came second!



Thinking about the topic **before** you listen is a good way to prepare and focus your ideas.



Viewing





Video vocabulary

beg (v.) to (desperately) ask for something championship (n.) competition to find the best player

end up (v.) conclude, finish
track team (n.) running team

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Reading

Skill: Identifying key words

Skills

tip

Key words carry the important information. Look for nouns, verbs, and adjectives. Be selective!

Children see the world differently from adults. Do you remember the things you used to believe when you were a child? Here are some funny, but true, stories from around the world.

- When I was young, I used to think that butter came from butterflies! Cristina, Brazil
- Whenever our grandparents used to visit, my brother and I always went to the bus station to meet them. For years we thought they actually lived at the bus station.

Marianne, France

• I used to believe that there was a little man inside the refrigerator. It was his job to turn the light on and off. I used to spend hours opening the door, trying to catch him.

Ji-Hong, China

I used to believe that firemen were bad people who started fires

in people's homes. Niran, Thailand

I used to believe I could fly, like Superman. One day decided to show my friends. I jumped out of my bedroom window ... and spent four months in the hospital.

Daisuke, Japan

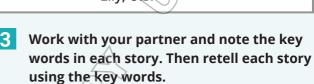
 My parents said I could be anything I wanted when I grew up.
 For a long time I wanted to be a train. Toni, Italy

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- I used to believe that there was a monster under my bed.
 At night I used to be really scared.
 Molly, U.K.
 - I used to believe my toys came alive while I was asleep. I used to dress them in warm clothes in the winter, so they wouldn't get cold when they went outside.







4 What did you use to believe when you were a child? Make a group and tell your classmates.

I used to believe that my mom and dad were aliens from another planet. I thought they used to change shape when I wasn't looking!

- 1 08 Read the stories about things people used to believe when they were children. Which story do you think is funniest?
- Work with a partner. Retell Molly's story using these key words.

night

bed

monster

scared

Molly used to believe that ...

Writing

Write about three things you used to do when you were younger, but don't do anymore.

Look at the Study guide to help you.

When I was younger, I used to go swimming in the river near my home with my friends.

Writing about your childhood

- 1 Think of something you used to do when you were younger.
 - go swimming / play soccer
- 2 Say where you used to do this.

 in the river near my home / in the park
- 3 Add some details. with my friends / on my own



