

# Basics: Used To - Past Habits and States

Medium

A2 | Elementary | Pre-intermediate

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Modal verb

Auxiliary verb

Habitual aspect

Past tense

English Grammar Basics

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1. Fill in the blanks in the superhero's dramatic origin story.

Before the radioactive spider bite, I \_\_\_\_\_ thick glasses. I also \_\_\_\_\_ any muscles at all. Look at me now—I have perfect vision and I can lift a car!

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) used to wear
- B) use to wear
- C) am used to wearing

**Blank 2**

- A) didn't use to have
- B) didn't used to have
- C) don't use to have

2. Complete the journalist's interview questions for our new alien visitor.

I am very curious, Zorg, \_\_\_\_\_ fly a spaceship to school? Also, where exactly \_\_\_\_\_ park all the UFOs on your home planet?

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) did you use to
- B) did you used to
- C) are you used to

**Blank 2**

- A) did they use to
- B) did they used to
- C) do they used to

3. A scientist is interrogating a very confused time traveler from the prehistoric era. Select ALL the questions that are grammatically correct.

*Select all that apply.*

- A) Did you use to ride a T-Rex to work?
- B) Did people use to keep velociraptors as pets?
- C) Did you used to riding a T-Rex to work?
- D) Were you use to ride a T-Rex to work?

4. Complete the confession of a nostalgic older sister.

When we were kids, my brother \_\_\_\_ think that broccoli was made of tiny trees, and he would refuse to eat the "forest."

*Select one.*

- A) used to
- B) use to
- C) was used to
- D) uses to

5. Complete the teenager's interview questions for her grandfather's history project.

"Grandpa, \_\_\_\_\_ memorize all of your friends' phone numbers? And where \_\_\_\_\_ for fun before the internet was invented?"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

**Blank 1**

- A) did you use to
- B) did you used to
- C) were you used to

**Blank 2**

- A) did you use to go
- B) did you used to go
- C) do you use to go

6. Help the college student write a funny email to her mom about how much she has changed.

Before college, I \_\_\_\_\_ drink coffee at all. Now, I can't survive an 8 AM lecture without it! I also \_\_\_\_\_ care about getting enough sleep, but a good nap is my favorite hobby these days.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

**Blank 1**

- A) didn't use to
- B) didn't used to
- C) haven't used to

**Blank 2**

- A) didn't use to
- B) don't use to
- C) not used to

7. Help the quirky tour guide finish his speech about the town's famous haunted mansion! Select ALL the sentences that correctly describe a past state.

Select all that apply.

- A) People used to believe a ghost lived in the attic.
- B) The mansion used to belong to a wealthy pirate.
- C) People would believe a ghost lived in the attic.
- D) The mansion was used to belong to a wealthy pirate.

8. Help the college student write a funny email to her mom about how much she has changed.

Before college, I \_\_\_\_\_ drink coffee at all. Now, I can't survive an 8 AM lecture without it! I also \_\_\_\_\_ care about getting enough sleep, but a good nap is my favorite hobby these days.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

**Blank 1**

- A) didn't use to
- B) didn't used to
- C) haven't used to

**Blank 2**

- A) didn't use to
- B) don't use to
- C) not used to

9. Complete the student's nostalgic blog post about growing up.

When I was a little kid, I \_\_\_\_\_ think that the moon followed my parents' car. Now I know it's just an optical illusion! My younger brother and I \_\_\_\_\_ argue in the backseat about who the moon liked better.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

**Blank 1**

- A) used to
- B) use to
- C) am used to

**Blank 2**

- A) used to
- B) uses to
- C) didn't used to

10. Help the nostalgic accountant describe his wild college rock band days. Select ALL the sentences that correctly express a past habit.

*Select all that apply.*

- A) We used to practice in my parents' garage every Friday.
- B) We practiced in my parents' garage every Friday.
- C) We are used to practice in my parents' garage every Friday.
- D) We used to practicing in my parents' garage every Friday.

11. Help the famous food critic confess her childhood eating habits to her readers.

Believe it or not, I \_\_\_\_\_ like vegetables at all. In fact, I only \_\_\_\_\_ plain pasta and cheese!

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) didn't use to
- B) didn't used to
- C) not used to

**Blank 2**

- A) used to eat
- B) use to eat
- C) used to eating

12. Choose the correct phrase to complete the teenager's interview with their grandfather.

Grandpa, \_\_\_\_ memorize everyone's phone numbers before smartphones were invented?

*Select one.*

- A) did you used to
- B) were you used to
- C) do you use to
- D) did you use to

13. Complete the celebrity chef's interview about her childhood eating habits. Select ALL the grammatically correct options to fill in the blank.

"Believe it or not, I \_\_\_\_\_ vegetables when I was a kid! Now I run a famous vegetarian restaurant."

*Select all that apply.*

- A) didn't use to eat
- B) never used to eat
- C) didn't used to eating
- D) wasn't used to eat

14. Complete Grandpa Joe's slightly exaggerated memoir about his youth.

My grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ a famous magician. He \_\_\_\_\_ rabbits out of his hat every single Sunday!

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) used to be
- B) use to be
- C) used to being

**Blank 2**

- A) used to pull
- B) use to pull
- C) used to pulling

15. Complete the local tour guide's dramatic story about the town's history.

Believe it or not, this boring dental clinic \_\_\_\_ a terrifying haunted mansion back in the 1980s!

*Select one.*

- A) used to
- B) used to be
- C) was used to
- D) uses to be