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Basics: Used To - Past Habits and States

Medium | A2 | Elementary | Pre-intermediate | Be | Modal verb | Auxiliary verb | Habitual aspect | Past tense | English Grammar Basics

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.

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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