

UNIT 2



LIFE IN THE PAST



Used To: Affirmative and Negative



- ☛ Refer to a past habit or situation which no longer exists presently.
- ☛ It refers to past habits and situations that do not exist today – something you did regularly or repeatedly in the past but no longer do today.
- ☛ The habit or situation is now exists only in the past.

Here are some examples:

- My father **used to** eat spicy food. Now he doesn't.
- She **used to** work at the museum. Now she works at the bureau.
- Mrs Lim **used to** live in Cheras. Now she lives in Melaka.
- He **used to** like to reading novels. Now he watches television.
- They **used to** be friends. Now they aren't.
- The event **used to** be held in September. Now it's in December.
- Lela didn't **used to** do much exercise. Now she goes tennis with her neighbour.
- I **used to** hate going outdoors. Now I always spend time in nature.

This structure cannot be used to say how often something happened, or how long it took.

- Naimah used to go cycling three times. – ✗ Naimah went cycling seven times. – ✓
- Krishna used to live in the house for six years. – ✗ Krish lived in the house for three years. – ✓

Affirmative Form

Subject + used to + verb (infinitive)

Examples of affirmative sentences:

- The boys **used to** be single.
- Fariz **used to** dislike eating vegetables.
- We **used to** go to Japan every year.
- Marlaina **used to** tutor children after work.

Negative Form

Subject + didn't use to + verb (infinitive)

Examples of negative sentences:

- The boys **didn't use to** be single.
- Fariz **didn't use to** dislike eating vegetables.
- We **didn't use to** go to Japan every year.
- Marlaina **didn't use to** tutor children after work.

Interrogative Form

Did + subject + use to + verb (infinitive)

Examples of interrogative sentences:

- **Did** the boys **use to** be single?
- **Did** Fariz **use to** dislike eating vegetables?
- **Did** we **use to** go to Japan every year?
- **Did** Marlaina **use to** tutor children after work?