Used to: hábitos y estados del pasado

Lo que antes no hacíamos: negativas

Para decir que antes no hacíamos algo habitualmente usamos didn't use to + verbo básico: I didn't use to drink coffee. Didn't significa did not. En esta ficha usamos la forma corta didn't. Fíjate en que use pierde la d después de didn't. La forma es igual para todas las personas. Los contextos indican que la actividad o situación no existía antes y que ahora es diferente.

Ejemplo resuelto

I ____ drink coffee; I only drank water back then. → I didn't use to drink coffee; I only drank water back then.

Antes no tomaba café; en aquella época solo bebía agua.

Completa la expresión negativa con didn't use to.

01. I _____ keep a diary; I started one last month.

02. You _____ know my sister; you met her for the first time last week.

03. You _____ get up early; you usually stayed in bed until noon.

04. Nora _____ use a laptop; she did everything on paper.

05. Dad _____ travel abroad; his first foreign trip was last year.

06. Dad _____ work at home; he went to the office every day.

07. They _____ have pets; their first cat arrived last winter.

08. Ben _____ ride a bike; he learned after his ninth birthday.

09. You _____ have a phone; you bought your first one last year.

10. They _____ shop online; they always went to local stores.

11. Leo _____ eat breakfast; he always left home without eating.

12. Dad _____ take the train; the station is new.

13. I _____ read novels; I only read comics as a child.

14. The town _____ have a library; one opened last autumn.

15. The store _____ open on Sundays; it was closed that day.

16. We _____ buy bread here; this bakery is new.

17. Mia _____ wear glasses; her eyesight was better before.

18. They _____ live near us; they moved here two years ago.

19. Leo _____ sing in public; he was too shy before.

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Continuación: ejercicios 21-40. Completa la expresión negativa con didn't use to.

21. Our class _____ use tablets; we got them this term.

22. Nora _____ eat fish; she refused it as a child.

23. Ben _____ cook; his parents made all his meals.

24. We _____ own a car; we always traveled by bus.

25. Mom _____ drive; she got her license at thirty.

26. Mia _____ walk to school; her dad drove her every day.

27. We _____ recycle paper; we put it in the regular trash.

28. We _____ visit that museum; it only opened last year.

29. You _____ swim; you only learned last summer.

30. I _____ drink coffee; I only drank water back then.

31. Mom _____ bake cakes; she always bought them.

32. I _____ wear hats; I bought my first hat last summer.

33. The children _____ help with dinner; we did all the cooking.

34. Our dog _____ sleep indoors; he slept in his kennel outside.

35. They _____ go camping; they always stayed in hotels.

36. I _____ speak Spanish; I began learning it two years ago.

37. We _____ meet on Fridays; that evening was always busy.

38. Anna _____ play tennis; she only played soccer then.

39. You _____ like tomatoes; you always left them on your plate.

40. Anna _____ enjoy gardening; she hated getting her hands dirty.

Soluciones

Frases con el hueco completado. La respuesta aparece en negrita.

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