Used to: hábitos y estados del pasado

El contexto: used to o didn't use to

Used to cuenta algo habitual o un estado que sí existía antes. Didn't use to cuenta algo que no ocurría habitualmente o que no era así antes. Mira el contexto del pasado: si alguien hacía algo cada día, corresponde used to; si nunca lo hacía, corresponde didn't use to. Ahora la situación ha cambiado. Después de ambas expresiones va el verbo básico. Aquí usamos didn't, no did not.

Ejemplo resuelto

I never drank tea as a child. I ____ drink it, but now I do. → I never drank tea as a child. I didn't use to drink it, but now I do.

De pequeño nunca bebía té. Antes no lo bebía, pero ahora sí.

Completa used to o didn't use to según el contexto del pasado.

01. You had never met our coach before. You _____ know him, but now you see him each week.

02. Mom never drove before. She _____ drive, but now she takes us everywhere.

03. We grew vegetables each summer. We _____ grow them, but now we grow flowers.

04. We lived in a small apartment. We _____ live there, but now we have a house.

05. We never bought fruit here before. We _____ buy it here, but now we come every week.

06. Dad never cooked before. He _____ cook, but now he makes dinner.

07. I was shy as a child. I _____ be shy, but now I enjoy speaking to groups.

08. Ben never wore glasses before. He _____ wear them, but now he needs them.

09. We visited Grandma every Sunday. We _____ visit then, but now we go on Fridays.

10. They read comics every evening. They _____ read them, but now they read novels.

11. Nora sang in a choir every week. She _____ sing there, but now she plays the flute.

12. They were our neighbors for years. They _____ be our neighbors, but now they live far away.

13. Mom never baked bread before. She _____ bake it, but now she bakes every week.

14. They never owned a car before. They _____ own one, but now they do.

15. I had a pet rabbit as a child. I _____ have one, but now I have a dog.

16. I walked to school every day. I _____ walk there, but now I take the bus.

17. Leo never spoke French before. He _____ speak it, but now he uses it at work.

18. Nora never used a tablet before. She _____ use one, but now she does her homework on one.

19. I wrote letters every month. I _____ write them, but now I send emails.

20. You lived by the sea for years. You _____ live there, but now you live inland.

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Continuación: ejercicios 21-40. Completa used to o didn't use to según el contexto del pasado.

21. They had a cat named Sam. They _____ have a cat, but now they have a rabbit.

22. The children watched cartoons daily. They _____ watch them, but now they prefer sports.

23. We never went camping before. We _____ go camping, but now we go each summer.

24. You never wore a helmet before. You _____ wear one, but now you always do.

25. Our class met in Room 4. It _____ meet there, but now we use Room 7.

26. Mia never drank milk as a child. She _____ drink it, but now she does.

27. I never listened to the radio before. I _____ listen to it, but now I do.

28. Anna worked in a bookstore for years. She _____ work there, but now she teaches.

29. You never ate breakfast before. You _____ eat it, but now you always do.

30. The café was open on Sundays. It _____ be open then, but now it closes.

31. You never liked spinach before. You _____ like it, but now you enjoy it.

32. The town had a cinema for decades. It _____ have one, but now the building is a store.

33. Anna played soccer every weekend. She _____ play it, but now she swims.

34. Mia never rode a bike before. She _____ ride one, but now she rides to school.

35. I never had my own room before. I _____ have one, but now I do.

36. Ben never kept a diary before. He _____ keep one, but now he writes in one daily.

37. Dad took the bus every morning. He _____ take it, but now he walks.

38. Dad ran by the river every day. He _____ run there, but now he runs in the park.

39. Leo never enjoyed math before. He _____ enjoy it, but now it is his favorite subject.

40. The dog never slept indoors before. He _____ sleep inside, but now he does.

Soluciones

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

01. You **didn't use to** know him, but now you see him each week.
02. She **didn't use to** drive, but now she takes us everywhere.
03. We **used to** grow them, but now we grow flowers.
04. We **used to** live there, but now we have a house.
05. We **didn't use to** buy it here, but now we come every week.
06. He **didn't use to** cook, but now he makes dinner.
07. I **used to** be shy, but now I enjoy speaking to groups.
08. He **didn't use to** wear them, but now he needs them.
09. We **used to** visit then, but now we go on Fridays.
10. They **used to** read them, but now they read novels.
11. She **used to** sing there, but now she plays the flute.
12. They **used to** be our neighbors, but now they live far away.
13. She **didn't use to** bake it, but now she bakes every week.
14. They **didn't use to** own one, but now they do.
15. I **used to** have one, but now I have a dog.
16. I **used to** walk there, but now I take the bus.
17. He **didn't use to** speak it, but now he uses it at work.
18. She **didn't use to** use one, but now she does her homework on one.
19. I **used to** write them, but now I send emails.
20. You **used to** live there, but now you live inland.
21. They **used to** have a cat, but now they have a rabbit.
22. They **used to** watch them, but now they prefer sports.
23. We **didn't use to** go camping, but now we go each summer.
24. You **didn't use to** wear one, but now you always do.
25. It **used to** meet there, but now we use Room 7.
26. She **didn't use to** drink it, but now she does.
27. I **didn't use to** listen to it, but now I do.
28. She **used to** work there, but now she teaches.
29. You **didn't use to** eat it, but now you always do.
30. It **used to** be open then, but now it closes.
31. You **didn't use to** like it, but now you enjoy it.
32. It **used to** have one, but now the building is a store.
33. She **used to** play it, but now she swims.
34. She **didn't use to** ride one, but now she rides to school.
35. I **didn't use to** have one, but now I do.
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