Used to: hábitos y estados del pasado

Antes y ahora: used to o presente simple

Used to habla del pasado; no existe I use to para contar un hábito actual. Para lo habitual de ahora usamos presente simple: I walk, she walks. Usa el verbo principal de la primera frase. Si el hueco cuenta un hábito antiguo que ha cambiado, escribe used to + verbo básico. Si cuenta lo habitual de ahora, escribe el presente simple. Con he, she e it añadimos s; wash cambia a washes, study a studies, go a goes y have a has. Be cambia a am, is o are según el sujeto.

Ejemplo resuelto

I walk to work now. As a child, I ____ to school. → I walk to work now. As a child, I used to walk to school.

Ahora voy andando al trabajo. De pequeño iba andando al colegio.

Usa el verbo principal de la primera frase: used to + verbo básico o presente simple.

01. We used to shop at the corner store. Now we _____ at the mall.

02. They used to sell vegetables. Now they _____ flowers.

03. My grandparents used to travel by bus. Now they _____ by train.

04. I leave home at eight now. Before, I _____ at seven.

05. I help at the library now. Before, I _____ at the food bank.

06. Leo draws animals now. Before, he _____ cars instead.

07. We used to grow tomatoes. Now we _____ flowers instead.

08. Dad watches sports now. When he was a boy, he _____ cartoons instead.

09. Ben collects coins now. Before, he _____ stamps instead.

10. The bus used to stop at the station. Now it _____ at the mall.

11. You drink water at lunch now. Before, you _____ milk instead.

12. I write emails now. Before I had a computer, I _____ letters.

13. Mia used to practice the violin. Now she _____ the flute.

14. They used to go camping. Now they _____ hiking every summer instead.

15. My friends used to come over on Sundays. Now they _____ on Fridays.

16. Nora makes paper flowers now. Before, she _____ paper boats instead.

17. They used to dance on Fridays. Now they _____ on Saturdays.

18. Nora sings in a choir now. Before, she _____ in a band.

19. You eat toast now. As a child, you _____ cereal instead.

20. You carry a small bag now. Before, you _____ a backpack.

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Continuación: ejercicios 21-40. Usa el verbo principal de la primera frase: used to + verbo básico o presente simple.

21. Anna swims on Tuesdays now. Before, she _____ on Fridays.

22. The children used to play outside. Now they _____ games indoors after dinner.

23. Our teacher gives us online quizzes now. Before, she _____ us paper worksheets.

24. Mia used to ride to school. Now she _____ to work every day.

25. We visit Grandma on Fridays now. Before, we _____ her on Sundays.

26. You read novels now. As a child, you _____ comics instead.

27. We used to meet at the library. Now we _____ at my house every week.

28. I used to borrow DVDs. Now I _____ books from the library.

29. Dad used to cook only on weekends. Now he _____ dinner every evening.

30. Mom used to take the bus. Now she _____ the train each morning.

31. Grandpa feeds the ducks in the park now. Before, he _____ the hens on his farm.

32. I used to run by the river. Now I _____ in the park every day.

33. The dog sleeps in her own bed now. Before, she _____ on the sofa.

34. Ben used to build model planes. Now he _____ furniture for a living.

35. We used to spend winters in Florida. Now we _____ them at home.

36. I keep photos on my phone now. Before, I _____ them in an album.

37. We used to walk the dog at noon. Now we _____ her in the evening.

38. Dad used to wash the car by hand. Now he _____ it at a car wash.

39. Mom bakes bread now. Before, she _____ cakes instead.

40. I walk to work now. In my teens, I _____ to school.

Soluciones

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

01. Now we **shop** at the mall.
02. Now they **sell** flowers.
03. Now they **travel** by train.
04. Before, I **used to leave** at seven.
05. Before, I **used to help** at the food bank.
06. Before, he **used to draw** cars instead.
07. Now we **grow** flowers instead.
08. When he was a boy, he **used to watch** cartoons instead.
09. Before, he **used to collect** stamps instead.
10. Now it **stops** at the mall.
11. Before, you **used to drink** milk instead.
12. Before I had a computer, I **used to write** letters.
13. Now she **practices** the flute.
14. Now they **go** hiking every summer instead.
15. Now they **come** on Fridays.
16. Before, she **used to make** paper boats instead.
17. Now they **dance** on Saturdays.
18. Before, she **used to sing** in a band.
19. As a child, you **used to eat** cereal instead.
20. Before, you **used to carry** a backpack.
21. Before, she **used to swim** on Fridays.
22. Now they **play** games indoors after dinner.
23. Before, she **used to give** us paper worksheets.
24. Now she **rides** to work every day.
25. Before, we **used to visit** her on Sundays.
26. As a child, you **used to read** comics instead.
27. Now we **meet** at my house every week.
28. Now I **borrow** books from the library.
29. Now he **cooks** dinner every evening.
30. Now she **takes** the train each morning.
31. Before, he **used to feed** the hens on his farm.
32. Now I **run** in the park every day.
33. Before, she **used to sleep** on the sofa.
34. Now he **builds** furniture for a living.
35. Now we **spend** them at home.
36. Before, I **used to keep** them in an album.
37. Now we **walk** her in the evening.
38. Now he **washes** it at a car wash.
39. Before, she **used to bake** cakes instead.
40. In my teens, I **used to walk** to school.