

## Used to: Warm up

- 1) Get students thinking about the past by asking questions such as “*What sport did you play when you were a child?*” and “*What did/didn't you like when you were a child?*”
- 2) 10 years ago I used to eat meat...

## Ask the student – checking questions

Do I eat meat now?,,,,,, no

Did I eat meat 10 years ago?,,,,, yes

Did I eat meat 10 years ago regularly?..... yes.....

- 1) Clarify: So when do we use ‘used to’? *Get students to tell you this*

**We use it to talk about actions / habits in the past we did regularly but now we don't do anymore.**

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## Ok, look at John, last month he:

Went jogging  
Went to the gym  
Ate in restaurants  
Went climbing  
Did yoga etc....  
Went dancing

## Checking questions?

What is wrong with him now? ..... he broke his leg.....



So tell me what did he used to do in the past but now he can't do it anymore?

John

He used to .....

past habits: used to

1.



Jogging



Gym

3.

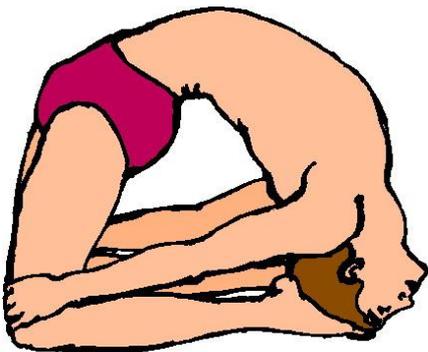


Dancing



Restaurant

5.



Yoga



Climbing

Mark

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B. Discuss the following pictures

a. Mark



- Conversation: tell you group about 10 things that you used to do in the past which you don't do now

past habits: **used to**

- We use **used to** when we describe a habit in the past
- We use **used to** speak about a past habit that we don't do anymore



**Subject + used to + verb**

**Statements:** I **used to** play tennis when I was a teenager

**Negatives:** I **didn't use to** play basketball when i studied at school

**Question:** **Did you use to** play football when you were little?

**A. Rewrite each sentence with used to**

a) I was in the school swimming team

b) Sophie had long hair when she was 7

c) Mary didn't listen when her teachers were speaking

d) Ricardo got up at 6:00 when he was training for the Olympics

e) What did you usually do on Saturday evening?

f) My brother wore glasses when he was small

g) Becky was afraid of dogs when she was a little girl

h) We always gave our teacher presents at the end of the term

i) Paul has spoken Italian well but he has forgotten it

j) Did you live next door to Mrs Harrison?

**C. Complete the personal details**

1. I used to drink ..... but now I don't
2. I used to live in ..... but now I don't
3. I used to go to ..... but now I don't
4. I used to play with .....but now I don't
5. I used to read ..... but now I don't
6. I used to watch .....but now I don't
7. I used to listen ..... but now I don't
8. I used to get up at .....but now I don't
9. I used to go to bed at .....but now I don't
10. I used to sit next to ..... but now I don't
11. I used to love ..... but now I don't
12. I used to hate ..... but now I don't

## Gotye – Somebody that I used to know (song)

### 1. Complete the spaces

Now and then I think of when we \_\_\_\_\_ together  
Like when you \_\_\_\_\_ you felt so happy you could die  
I told myself that you were right for me  
But felt so lonely in your \_\_\_\_\_  
But that was over and it's an ache I still \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Number the sentences in the correct sequence

- ( ) But I'll admit that I was glad that it was over
- ( ) So when we found that we could not make sense
- ( ) Like resignation to the end, always the end
- ( ) But you said that we could still be friends
- ( 1 ) You can get addicted to a certain kind of sadness

### 3. Complete the spaces

But you didn't have to **cut me off**  
Make it like it never happened and that we were nothing  
I don't even need your love, but you treat me like a  
\_\_\_\_\_

And that feels so rough  
No, you didn't have to **stoop so low**  
Have your friends collect your rent  
Conceal your \_\_\_\_\_ of number  
Guess that I don't need that though  
Now you're just somebody that I \_\_\_\_\_ know

Now you're just somebody that I used to \_\_\_\_\_  
Now you're just somebody that I used to know

Now and then I think of all the times you **screwed me**  
**over**

But had me believin it was \_\_\_\_\_ something that I'd done  
But I don't wanna \_\_\_\_\_ that way

**Given into** every word you \_\_\_\_\_

You said that you could **let it go**

And I wouldn't catch you **hung up on** somebody that you used to know-oh-oh

### SLANG GLOSSARY

Cut someone off: End a relationship/stop communicating with someone

Stoop so low: Do the worst possible action (“hit below the belt”)

Screw someone over: Betray someone

Let it go: Forget and forgive something/someone

past habits: **used to**

But you didn't \_\_\_\_\_ cut me off  
Make it like it never happened and that we were nothing (oh)  
I don't even need your \_\_\_\_\_, but you treat me like a stranger  
and that feels so rough

No, you didn't have to stoop so low  
Have your friends collect your rent  
And then change your number (oh)  
Guess that I don't need that though  
Now you're just somebody that I used to know

Somebody that I used to know  
(Repeat)

## **Answers: Gotye – Somebody that I used to know**

### **1. Complete the spaces**

Now and then I think of when we were together  
Like when you said you felt so happy you could die  
I told myself that you were right for me  
But felt so lonely in your company  
But that was over and it's an ache I still remember

### **2. Number the sentences in the correct sequence – 1.05 mins**

- ( 5) But I'll admit that I was glad that it was over
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- ( 4 ) But you said that we could still be friends
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### **3. Complete the spaces – 1.37mins**

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I don't even need your love, but you treat me like a  
stranger  
And that feels so rough  
No, you didn't have to **stoop so low**  
Have your friends collect your rent  
Conceal your change of number  
Guess that I don't need that though  
Now you're just somebody that I used know

Now you're just somebody that I used to know  
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Now and then I think of all the times you **screwed me over** - 2.34

But had me believin it was always something that I'd done  
But I don't wanna live that way

**Given into** every word you say

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Hung up on: Obsessed with something/someone

Reading into something: Looking for deeper meaning

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## Mini-projects

### **Activity A • Interview a friend**

Ask a friend or relative to tell you some things that he or she used to do in the past. Ask how his or her life is different now. Take notes.

### **Activity B • Write about a friend**

Use your notes from Activity A and write a short piece about your friend. Give it to another person in your class to proof-read.

### **Activity C • Research and write**

Use the Internet or the library and find out who invented the telephone or the television. Make some notes about the main events in the story. Then write a short narrative.

