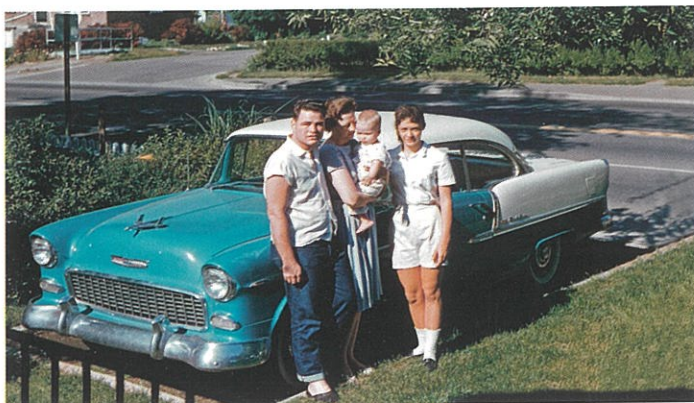


## 2.5

## GRAMMAR

used to

*I can use used to to refer to past habits and routines.*



- 1 **SPEAKING** Look at the photos. In what way are these things different today? Discuss with a partner.

(fashion friends music relationships school  
technology travel)

- 2 **1.40** Listen to a dialogue between Chris and his granddad. Are the sentences about Chris's granddad true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 He **used to phone** people from the phone in the sitting room. ☐
- 2 He used to message people. ☐
- 3 He didn't use to live near his friends. ☐
- 4 His mum didn't use to like the loud music in his bedroom. ☐
- 5 His parents **bought** him a camera for his sixteenth birthday. ☐
- 6 He **used to have** five or six good friends. ☐

- 3 Read the **GRAMMAR FOCUS**. Complete the examples using the past forms in blue in Exercise 2.

## GRAMMAR FOCUS

## used to

- You use **used to + verb** to talk about past states that are no longer true.  
He <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ **have** five or six good friends.
- You use **used to + verb** to talk about regular past actions that don't happen anymore.  
He <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ **phone** people from the phone in the sitting room.
- You don't use **used to + verb** to talk about a past action that only happened once. You use the **Past Simple**.  
His parents <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ him a camera for his sixteenth birthday. (NOT *used to buy*)

## used to + verb

+ I **used to work** ...- He **didn't use to work** ...? **Did they use to work** ...? Yes, they **did**./No they **didn't**.

- 4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use **used to + verb** or the **Present Simple**.

- 1 People **used to read** (read) maps but now they **use** (use) GPS.
- 2 People \_\_\_\_\_ (not/use) their cars much but now they \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) everywhere.
- 3 People \_\_\_\_\_ (update) their online profiles now, but they \_\_\_\_\_ (write) letters.
- 4 Children \_\_\_\_\_ (play) inside now but in the past they \_\_\_\_\_ (play) outside.
- 5 Teachers \_\_\_\_\_ (suggest) books but now they \_\_\_\_\_ (give out) website addresses.
- 6 Families \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) the TV together but now they \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) it individually.
- 7 Students \_\_\_\_\_ (use) Google now, but they \_\_\_\_\_ (look up) things in encyclopedias.
- 8 Parents \_\_\_\_\_ (not/worry) so much but now they \_\_\_\_\_ (give) children less freedom.

- 5 **SPEAKING** Discuss the statements in Exercise 4. Do you think they are all true?

- 6 Replace the Past Simple with **used to + verb** if possible. Which sentences are true for you?

When I was at primary school, ...

- 1 my parents took me to school every day.
- 2 I didn't go online much.
- 3 I went on a school trip to the Science Museum.
- 4 I didn't like school dinners.
- 5 my parents bought me my first mobile phone.
- 6 I wanted to be an astronaut.

- 7 Make questions for the sentences in Exercise 6. Then ask and answer as in the example.

A: *Did your parents use to take you to school?*

B: *Yes, they did.*