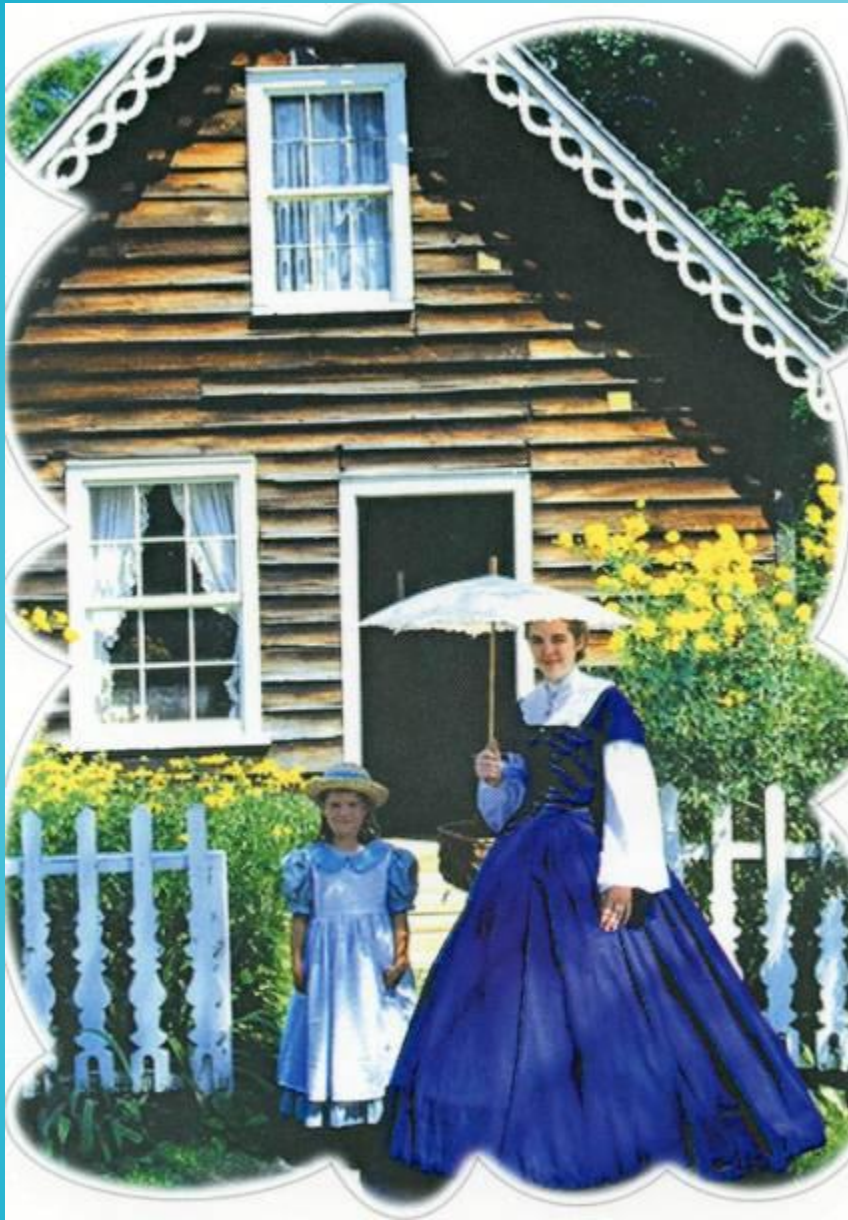


The life used
to be different



- People **used to dress** differently in the past.
- Women **used to wear** long dresses.
- **Did they use to carry** parasols with them? – Yes, they did.
- They **didn't use to go** out alone at night.

- **Used to** is used to talk about past habits or things that do not happen any more. It has the same form in all persons, singular and plural. It is followed by infinitive.
- e.g. *Peter **used to eat** a lot of sweets.*
(*Peter doesn't eat many sweets any more*)

- We form questions and negations with the auxiliary verb **did/did not (didn't)**, the subject and the verb “use” without -d.

e.g. *Did Peter use to eat many sweets?*

Mary didn't use to stay out late.

Affirmative

I
He/She/It
You/We/They

} **used to** travel

I **used to** travel.

You **used to** travel.

He/She/It **used to** travel.

We **used to** travel.

You **used to** travel.

They **used to** travel.

Interrogative

Did I
he/she/it
you/we/they } **use** to travel?

Did I **use to** travel?

Did you **use to** travel?

Did he/she **use to** travel?

Did we **use to** travel?

Did you **use to** travel?

Did they **use to** travel?

Negative

I
He/She/It **did not** } **use to travel.**
You/We/They

I **didn't use to** travel.

You **didn't use to** travel.

He/She **didn't use to** travel.

We **didn't use to** travel.

You **didn't use to** travel.

They **didn't use to** travel.

Tim used to live in a flat.

e. g. T: I

S1: I used to live in a flat.

Did Tim use to play tennis?

e.g. T: you

S1: Did you use to play tennis?

Ann didn't use to go to work by
car.

e.g. T: she

S1: **She didn't use to go to work by car.**

*e.g. People used to ride horses
in the past.*

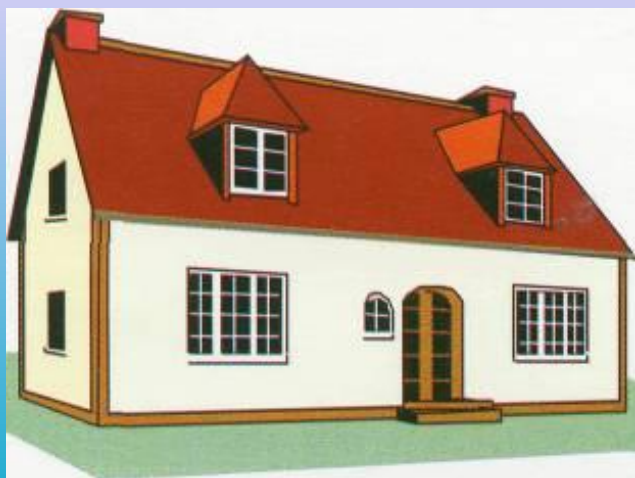


- ride horses
- not drive cars
- not watch TV
- listen to the radio a lot
- not go to the cinema
- not live in flats
- sit by the fire in the evening
- light candles

Peter Gordon won a lot of money on the lottery last year.
Look at the pictures and say what Peter *used to do* and what he does
now.

Model: *Peter used to live in a small house,
but now he lives in a big house.*

live/small house



live/big house



go to work by bus



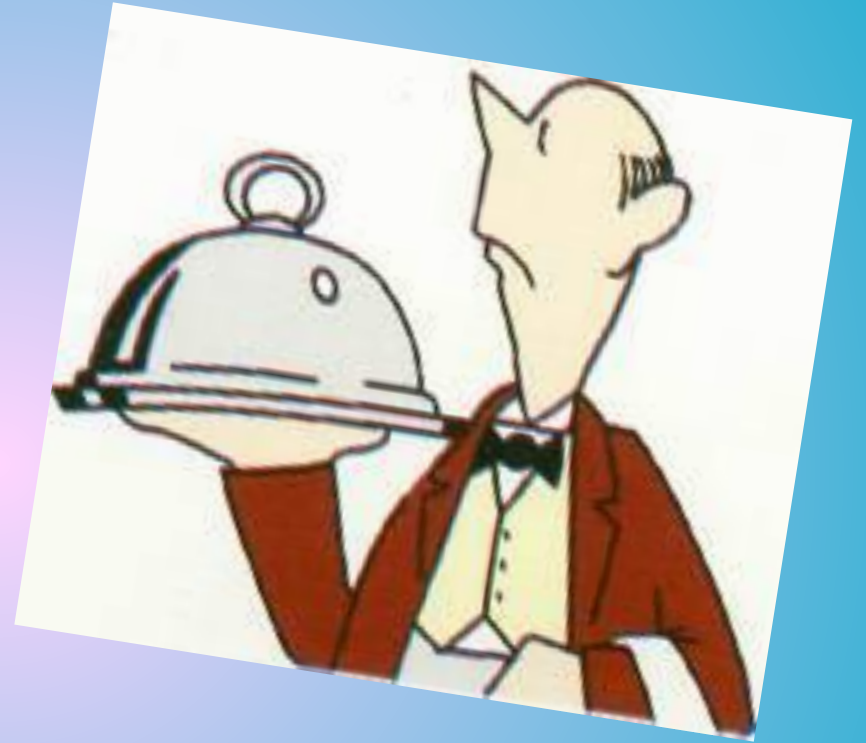
go to work by car



eat/at home



eat out



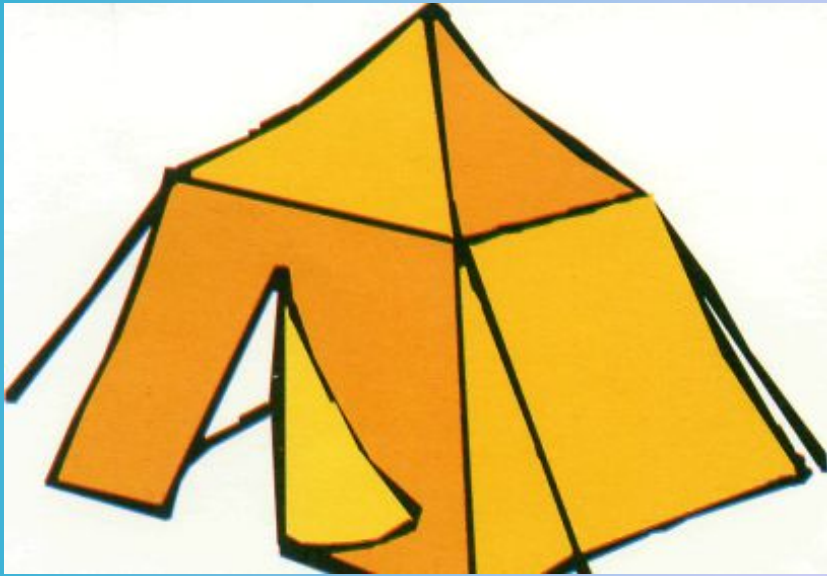
watch TV



go to the theatre



Spend/his holidays/
at a camp-site



spend his holidays/
travelling



Complete the sentences with the correct form of *used to* and the verb in brackets.

1. I ...*didn't use to watch*... (not/watch) the news, but now I watch it every day.
2. My aunt ...*used to drink*... (drink) a lot of coffee, but now she prefers to drink tea.
3. We*used to live*..... (live) in a flat, but we live in a big house now.
4. ...*Did you use to go*..... (you/go) to school on foot?
5. We*didn't use to like*..... (not/like) each other, but now we're good friends.
6. I ...*didn't use to eat*.. (not/eat) vegetables. Now I eat them every day.
7. My sister ...*used to play*.... (play) the piano, but now she doesn't.
8. They ..*used to spend*.... (spend) their weekends in the countryside. They don't do it any more.

Did you use to bite your nails when you were five?

- No, I didn't.

Did you use to eat many sweets when you were five?

- Yes, I did.

In pairs, ask and answer questions using the prompts as in the example.

SA: *Did you use to play with your friends when you were five?*

SB: *Yes, I did. / No, I didn't.*

1. play with your friends?

2. watch many cartoons?

3. go to bed late?

4. cry a lot?

5. make your bed?

6. listen to fairy tales?

7. have a bath every day?

8. drink milk?

9. dress yourself?

10. get pocket money?

Look at the pictures below. Picture A shows what people used to do in their free time sixty years ago and picture B what they do nowadays. In pairs, ask and answer questions using the prompts below as in the example.

e.g. SA: *Did people use to watch TV sixty years ago?*

SB: *No, they didn't.*

Watch TV – dress differently – spend more time together – talk to each other a lot – go out at night much – read more



Now, using the pictures and the notes from the previous activity, complete the text below.

Life was different sixty years ago. People 1) ~~didn't use to have~~ (not/have) the things we have nowadays. First of all, they 2) ~~..didn't use to watch..~~ (not/watch) TV and they 3) ~~..used to talk~~ (talk) to each other a lot. Nowadays, people 4) ~~...don't talk.....~~ (not/talk) to each other much because they 5) ~~....spend.....~~ (spend) a lot of time watching TV. Sixty years ago, people 6) ~~..used to dress..~~ (dress) differently. For example, women 7) ~~..used to wear...~~ (wear) longer dresses and men usually 8) ~~..used to wear..~~ (wear) a suit and a tie on Sundays.

