**USED TO**

We refer to things in the past which are no longer true, usually a repeated actions or a situation:

*He used to play football for the local team, but he’s too old now.*

*That pink house over there used to belong to my family.* (It belonged to my family in the past, but not any more.)

*We used to go to the seaside every summer when I was a kid.*

**Negative:** didn’t use to

*It didn’t use to be so crowded in the shops as it is nowadays.*

*I didn’t use to like broccoli when I was younger, but I love it now.*

In very formal styles, we can use the negative form used not to:

*She used not to live as poorly as she does now.*

**Questions:**

*I think we met once, a couple of years ago. Did you use to work with Kevin Harris?*

*Didn’t she use to live in the same street as us?*

*We never used to mix very much with the neighbours, but we did use to say hello to them in the street.*

*He used to be your boss, didn’t he?*

*We used to love going to the museum, didn’t we?*

We can use *used to* combined with *would* to talk about people’s habits in the past.

*When we were kids, we used to invent amazing games. We would imagine we were the government, and we would make crazy laws that everyone had to obey.*