

4 Now and Then

Date : _____

Grade : _____



Grammar Notes

used to

Look! I found this yo-yo!
I **used to** play with it all the time!

Yes, you **used to** put it on the shelf. Your room **used to** be tidy too. Now, everything is either on the floor or under the bed!



We use 'used to' to talk about something that often happened in the past, but does not happen now.

In the past,	Mum	used to	write letters to her friends.
	they		shop at the wet markets.
	the children		be short and weak.

Grammar Tip

Remember to use the base form of verbs after 'used to'.



Common Errors

- ✓ We **used** to play hopscotch in the past.
- ✗ We **use** to play hopscotch in the past.

- Dad **uses to / used to** cycle around the city when he was a kid.
- Mum and Dad **use to / used to** play card games together when they were young.

Warm-up

A The Fan family are talking about their habits. Circle the correct answers.

- In the past, Ellie used to **eat / eats / ate** pancakes for breakfast.
- Nowadays, she usually **eat / eats / ate** cereals for breakfast.
- In the past, Jasper **use to / uses to / used to** play with his toy robot.
- Now, he **play / plays / played** board games with his friends.
- Jasper and Ellie used to **go / goes / went** to school by MTR in the past.
- They **go / goes / went** to school by bus now.



Grammar Notes

Question Word: Why Connective: because



We use the question word **'Why'** to ask about reasons.

Why

do you like to use a smartphone?
does she borrow Jasper's tablet?

We use the connective **'because'** to give reasons.

I like to use a smartphone **because** it is convenient.

Grammar Tip

When giving a reason, we can use the pronoun 'it' to replace the whole clause that comes before the connective 'because'.

e.g. Why was Dan absent from school yesterday?

Dan was absent from school yesterday because he was sick.
= It was because he was sick.



Common Errors

- ✓ Why **does** Mum shop online?
- ✗ Why **do** Mum shop online?

1. Why **does / do** Mum and Dad throw away their old tablet?
2. Why **does / do** Ellie need a pair of earphones?



Warm-up



Jasper is talking with Mr Fan about the computer. Complete their conversation with 'why' and 'because'.

Dad, we need to buy a new computer!

Oh, ① _____ do we need a new one? Is it ② _____ the computer is slow?

We need a new one ③ _____ it's suddenly not working!
④ _____ does this happen to me? I haven't saved my work yet!

Oh, look! The computer shut down ⑤ _____ Max unplugged it.
⑥ _____ did Max do that?

I think it did that ⑦ _____ it is hungry. We don't need a new computer now. We only need to feed Max!



Practice



Ellie is chatting with her classmates about the changes in her life. Fill in the blanks with 'used to', 'because' and the help of the given words.

- it was too heavy the cakes there were delicious
 we didn't live together we lived close to it



- In the past, I _____ cry a lot _____ I felt scared easily.
- I _____ eat with a fork _____ I couldn't use chopsticks.
- Mum _____ take me to the park often _____
- Dad _____ help me carry my school bag _____
- We _____ go to the cake shop quite often _____
- I _____ call Jasper on the phone once a week _____

Proofreading



There is one mistake in each numbered line. Correct the underlined mistakes for Questions 1-2. Underline and correct the mistakes for Questions 3-7.

- When Grandma was a kid, she used to walking to school 1. _____
- instead of taking the bus. 'How did you walk to school, 2. _____
- Grandma? Was you because you liked walking?' George asked. 3. _____
- 'No, I walked to school so I was poor. 4. _____
- I didn't have money for a bus ride. Also, **Hint: Q3**
We may use 'It was because...' to give a reason for doing something in the past. 5. _____
- I didn't buy any toys. I use to make toys with 6. _____
- paper,' Grandma said. She also used from live in a small flat. She 6. _____
- shared the bed with her family but there was only one bed. 7. _____

Grammar in Context



Text Type:
Text messages



Jasper is texting his grandpa. Complete the text messages with the help of the given words.

used to

why

because

be

feel

have

read

turn

watch



Grandpa

Typing...



Hey Grandpa, I got a new smartphone today! 😊

1 _____ do you need a new smartphone?

I need a new smartphone 2 _____ my old one is not working well. It 3 _____ fast when I first got it. Now, it is very slow. I 4 _____ videos on it often. Recently, it takes fifteen minutes to download a short video.

I like watching TV more than watching videos on the phone.

5 _____

I like watching videos on my phone 6 _____ it is convenient. I can do it when I'm waiting for the bus. I 7 _____ bored waiting at the bus stop 8 _____ I had nothing to do.

I 9 _____ the newspaper when I was waiting for the bus, but now I don't do that 10 _____ my eyes turned bad.

Oh, 11 _____ ?

They turned bad 12 _____ I'm getting old. I 13 _____ good eyesight but nowadays it is difficult for me to read the small words.



Hint: Q13

Eyesight means the ability to see. It is something that a person owns. Choose the verb that means 'to own'.

