

# Talking about past habits: “used to” + infinitive

When English speakers talk about something that they did regularly [regelmäßig] in the past but that they no longer do, they often use the construction „used to“ + infinitive.

## EXAMPLE

“I always *used to go* to this playground when I was a child”.

Als ich ein Kind war, bin ich immer auf diesen Spielplatz gegangen.

This construction is very common in English. It expresses [ausdrücken] a past habit [vergangene Gewohnheit]. When you use “used to” you’re saying that you no longer do the thing you’re talking about.

## Video lesson



Watch this video lesson for explanation and examples.



Video

# Explanation and practice

## LEARN MORE

Work through the following pages to learn more and practice this construction.



1. [used to do](#) by englishclub.com - Make sure to do the games at the end of the page.
2. [Meaning and use of used to and be/get used to](#) by the BBC - This page explains the difference between “*used to*” + *infinitive* vs. “*to be/get used to something*”.
3. ['Used to' or 'use to' vs would](#) by learnenglish.de - This page explains “used to” and compares it to the use of “would” to talk about past habits.