

11.2 Breaking news

Grammar *used to*

1a Use the words to make sentences with *used to*, *didn't use to* or *Did ... use to*?

- my brother / work in a bank +
My brother used to work in a bank.
- we / not have a garden -

- my parents / live in a flat +

- you / have long hair ?

- I / not drink coffee -

- your boyfriend / have a motorbike ?

- I / wear glasses +

PRONUNCIATION *to in used to*

b 11.3))) Listen and check. Pay attention to the weak pronunciation of *to* /tə/ in *used to*.

c 11.3))) Listen again and repeat the sentences.

2 Tick (✓) the sentences that are correct and put a cross (X) if they are wrong. Correct the incorrect sentences.

- I used to live with friends, but now I have my own flat. ✓
- We didn't used to do anything at weekends, but now we go walking.
X We didn't use to do anything at weekends, but now we go walking.
- What kind of music did you used to listen to when you were a teenager?

- My parents used to be more active than they are now.

- One day, we used to have a car accident.

- They didn't used to eat fish, but now they prefer it to meat.

- Our children not use to go out at night, but now they do.

3 Complete the article with the correct form of the verbs in the box. Use *used to*, *didn't use to* or *Did ... use to*?

be not happen look read sit not smile watch
not work

¹ *Did* you *use to watch* the news on TV when you were little? News programmes ² _____ very different in the past. Women ³ _____ as newsreaders then, but now both men and women do the job. Newsreaders ⁴ _____ very smart in the past because they always wore suits. They were more serious than they are now, and they ⁵ _____ a lot. Today newsreaders are a lot friendlier, and they don't wear such formal clothes. The programmes are also more enjoyable now because they show reports from all over the world. This ⁶ _____ in early news programmes because there wasn't the technology to send images from one place to another. In the past, the same newsreader ⁷ _____ the same news stories several times a day. That was when families ⁸ _____ together to watch the news because they only had one television.



Vocabulary the news

4 Label the photo with the words in the box.

election flood forest fire hurricane robbery strike



5 Complete the words in the sentences.

- 1 You can read articles in a newspaper or a magazine.
- 2 If you have a c_____, your car hits something and is damaged.
- 3 J_____ are people whose job it is to collect and write about news.
- 4 A n_____ d_____ is an event like a flood or a hurricane that causes a lot of damage.
- 5 If you r_____ a place, you arrive there.
- 6 If you r_____ something, you tell people exactly what you have seen or heard.
- 7 You can share information quickly and easily on the internet if you use s_____ m_____.
- 8 When things s_____, they affect a larger area or a bigger group of people.
- 9 If something is u_____ t_____ d_____, it has the most recent information.
- 10 If a magazine is published w_____, it appears every seven days.

6 Complete the article with the words in exercise 5.

The power of nature

One of the worst ¹ natural disasters the world has ever seen was the 2011 tsunami. It was caused by a massive earthquake under the sea off the coast of Japan. In some areas, the water travelled up to 10 km from the coast, which made it difficult for rescue workers to ² _____ the victims. ³ _____ flew to the area as soon as possible to ⁴ _____ on the damage, but before they got there, the news appeared on ⁵ _____. Once the story was on the internet, it quickly ⁶ _____ all over the world. For days after the event, there were ⁷ _____ in all the main newspapers explaining what was happening. The biggest danger came from a nuclear power plant called Fukushima which was in the area. Everybody wanted to be ⁸ _____ with the situation in the power plant. The ⁹ _____ magazines published photos of the tsunami that showed the power of the sea. The water picked up trees, buildings and cars and took them far away. In some places, the piles of vehicles looked like a big car ¹⁰ _____. It is estimated that around 19,000 people lost their lives in the tsunami.

I can ...

- talk about past habits and situations.
- talk about the news.

Very well Quite well More practice

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