

8 Complete. Use **used to** for past habits/states or the past simple for single actions.

- Liz \_\_\_\_\_ (own) a flat in the city, but last year she sold it and moved to the countryside. **(past state)**
- I rarely eat ice cream now, but I \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) a lot when I was a child. **(past habit)**
- Matt was really tired and \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to bed at 9 o'clock. **(single action)**
- When \_\_\_\_\_ (you / take up) yoga? **(single action)**
- Jen \_\_\_\_\_ (be) my best friend, but we aren't close any more. **(past state)**
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (get up) early and start work at six every morning. **(past habit)**
- When you lived in London, \_\_\_\_\_ (you / go) to the theatre very often? **(past habit)**
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (not sleep) well last night. **(single action)**



**TIPS**

We use **used to** for past habits or situations and states that were true in the past, but we use the **past simple** for a single action in the past.

Lance **woke up** very late yesterday morning. (single action)

Lance **used to wake up** very late when he was a college student. (past habit)

5 Complete. Use the past simple or the past continuous.

- The twins \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) asleep while they were watching TV.
- They \_\_\_\_\_ (sell) their flat in the city and bought a house in the suburbs.
- She \_\_\_\_\_ (get) ready to go to bed when I texted her.
- The radio was on but nobody \_\_\_\_\_ (listen).
- The technician \_\_\_\_\_ (install) the new printer when there was a power cut.
- Mr Shephard \_\_\_\_\_ (own) a big farmhouse, but he sold it a few months ago.
- We didn't know they \_\_\_\_\_ (live) on a houseboat.
- I was surfing the Internet while they \_\_\_\_\_ (check) their emails.

6 Complete. Use the past simple or the past continuous.

- The decorator was designing (design) Jack and Sophie's new kitchen when they visited (visit) her in her office.
- I haven't seen Bill for a while. When I last \_\_\_\_\_ (see) him, he \_\_\_\_\_ (think) of moving to a bigger house.
- The plumber \_\_\_\_\_ (fix) the water pipes when the bathroom \_\_\_\_\_ (flood).
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (drop) a glass on the floor while I \_\_\_\_\_ (do) the washing up. Fortunately, it \_\_\_\_\_ (not break).
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) down the street when suddenly I \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) footsteps behind me.
- The wallpaper \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) to peel when we \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to remove it.
- When they \_\_\_\_\_ (go) on holiday to Spain, they \_\_\_\_\_ (rent) a bungalow with a swimming pool.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to study while my neighbours \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a loud garden party.

