

3A GRAMMAR past simple, past continuous, or *used to*?

a Complete the dialogues with the past simple, past continuous, or *used to* form of the verb in brackets.



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| 1 | What do you do now that you've retired? | I do a lot of gardening. I <u>didn't use to like</u> it, but now I love it! (not like) |
| 2 | We've just been to Granada on holiday. | Really? I _____ there!
(live) |
| 3 | You didn't answer my text yesterday. | Sorry, I _____ it till nearly midnight.
(not read) |
| 4 | Where were you at 9.00 last night? | I _____ dinner with some friends.
(have) |
| 5 | What happened to your finger? | I _____ lunch and I _____ myself. (make, cut) |
| 6 | Do you go to the cinema much? | Not any more. We _____ a lot, but then we _____ a home cinema. (go, buy) |
| 7 | Why weren't you here at 8.30? | I only _____ at 8.00. At 8.30 I _____ breakfast! (get up, have) |
| 8 | How long did you spend in Ireland? | We _____ there for a week.
(stay) |
| 9 | Robert's really changed since he was a student. | Yes, he _____ much longer hair then.
(have) |
| 10 | Why did the police stop you? | I don't know, I _____ very fast.
(not drive) |
| 11 | When did you last go to London? | I _____ the weekend there last month.
(spend) |
| 12 | She used to play the piano when she was young. | Why _____ she _____?
(stop) |
| 13 | Your dad doesn't do much exercise, does he? | No, he _____ football, but he _____ his leg two years ago. (play, break) |
| 14 | Were you good friends at university? | Yes, we _____ the same flat for two years. (share) |
| 15 | Didn't you hear what I said? | No, sorry, I _____ to the radio.
(listen) |

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b Cover the responses. Read the first part of the dialogues and remember the responses.

SOLUTIONS OF GRAMMAR 3A

2 used to live (Note; "lived" is possible, but is more likely with a time expression, e.g. "I lived there when I was in my twenties.")

3 didn't read

4 was having

5 was making, cut

6 used to go, bought

7 got up, was having

8 stayed

9 used to have/had

10 wasn't driving

11 spent

12 did she stop

13 used to play, broke

14 shared

15 was listening