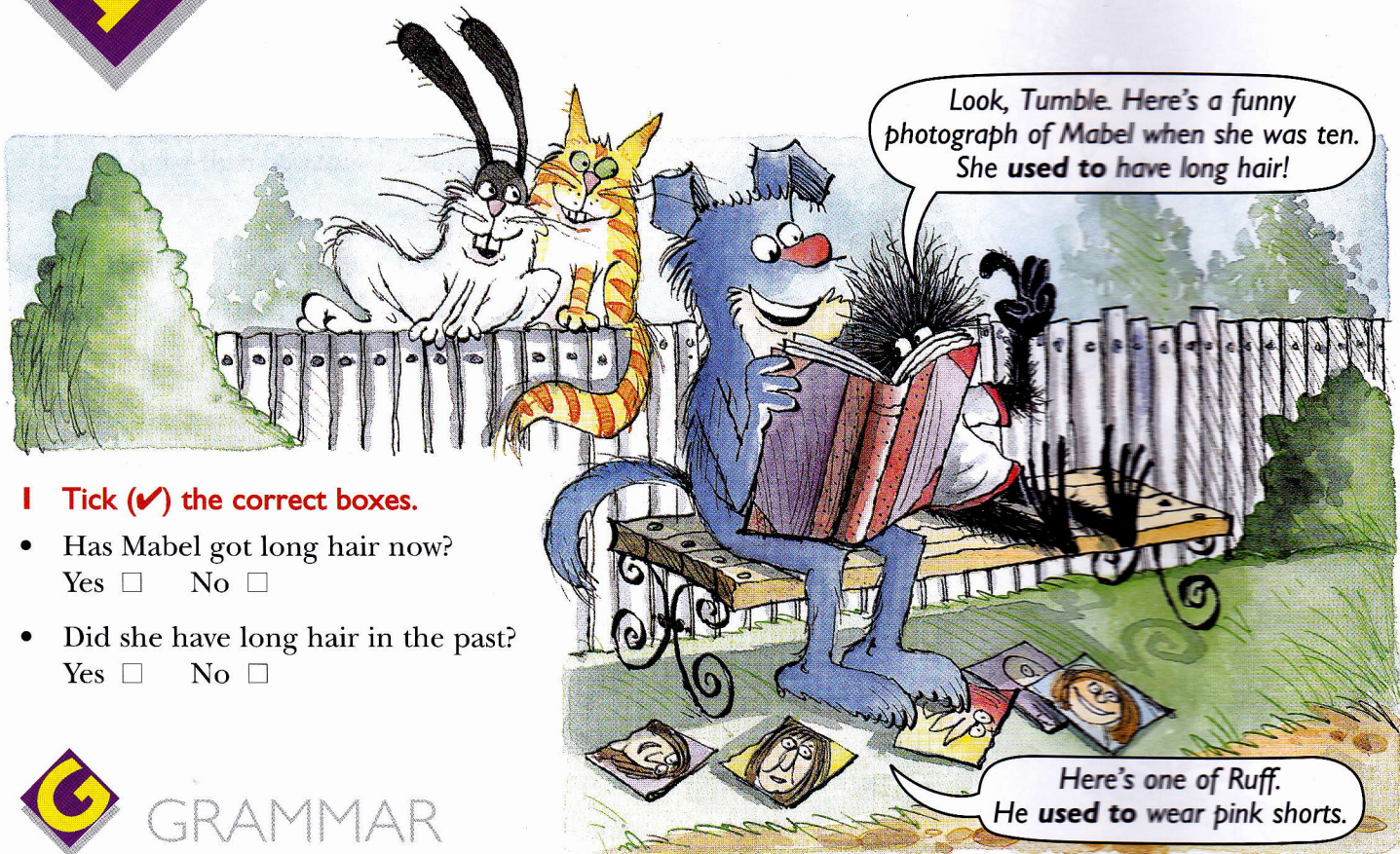


Used to



1 Tick (✓) the correct boxes.

- Has Mabel got long hair now?
Yes No
- Did she have long hair in the past?
Yes No



GRAMMAR

A

used to is to say what you did in the past. You don't do it now.

Mabel used to have long hair.

= In the past she had long hair but she hasn't got long hair now.

I used to go to the beach every week.

= In the past I went to the beach every week but I don't now.

2 Read the sentences. Answer the questions.

- 1 When Mabel and Mildred were young, they used to wear jeans and T-shirts.
Do they wear jeans and T-shirts now?
Yes No
- 2 When Splodge was a baby, he used to cry a lot.
Does Splodge cry a lot now?
Yes No

B

used to is easy! It's the same for everybody.

- I **used to**
- you **used to**
- he **used to**
- she **used to**
- it **used to**
- we **used to**
- you **used to**
- they **used to**

3 Fill in the gaps. Use **used to**.

- ▶ Splodge *used to* go to the zoo every Saturday.
- 1 Ruff wear silly hats.
- 2 Ruff and Tumble go to Wibble School.
- 3 They get bad marks at school.
- 4 Mildred have a cat.



PRACTICE

4 Look at the picture of Mabel and Mildred. They looked very different ten years ago!
Write ten sentences about their lives then.
Use **used to**.

▶ *Mabel used to wear jeans.*

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- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10



5 Splodge is writing about the changes in Mabel and Mildred's lives.
Finish his sentences. Use **used to** and the right words from the list below.

- rock music dogs a van coffee a bank spaghetti
- Fiddletown early her mother ✓ jogging jeans

- ▶ Mildred lives with Mabel. *She used to live with her mother.*
- 1 She likes classical music.
- 2 She lives in Wibble.
- 3 Mabel works in a library.
- 4 She likes cats.
- 5 She gets up late.
- 6 Mabel and Mildred wear skirts.
- 7 They go swimming every week.
- 8 They drive a car.
- 9 They drink tea.
- 10 They eat fish and chips on Saturdays.

6

a Think about the time when you were five years old. What's different about you and your life now? Write five sentences. Use **used to**.

► I used to like milk but now I don't like it.

I used to have long hair but now I've got short hair.

I used to go to school by bus but now I walk.

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b Now try to imagine your teacher when he or she was a student. Guess what he or she used to do. Write five more sentences.

► She used to be a pupil but now she's a teacher.

He used to get good marks in English.

She used to like pop music.

1

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7 Ask your teacher if you can play this game. Imagine you're a very old person who always exaggerates. Tell the class what you used to do in your past life. Try to exaggerate more than the last pupil.

► Pupil A *I used to live in a castle in California.*

Pupil B *I used to drive a pink sports car.*

Pupil C *I used to be an airline pilot.*

Pupil D *I used to have three pet elephants.*

Pupil E *I used to fly to the moon for the weekend.*

Pupil F *I used to be a famous film director.*

Pupil G *I used to eat caviar for breakfast.*