

USED TO / COULD

	<i>Used to</i>	<i>Could</i>
Affirmative	When I was nine I used to play soccer with my friends all afternoon.	Picasso could draw and paint before he could talk .
Negative	We didn't use to wear a uniform in primary school.	Picasso couldn't read until he was eight.
Interrogative (Yes / No questions)	Did you use to eat well when you were little?	Could you jump the rope when you were three?

- Use *used to* and *didn't use to* to talk about habits or repeated actions in the past which we don't do in the present.
- After *used to* and *didn't use to* use the simple form of the verb.
- Use *could* and *couldn't* to talk about abilities in the past. After *could* and *couldn't*, use the simple form of the verb.