

✧ "Used to" Past Habits and States

Unit 36

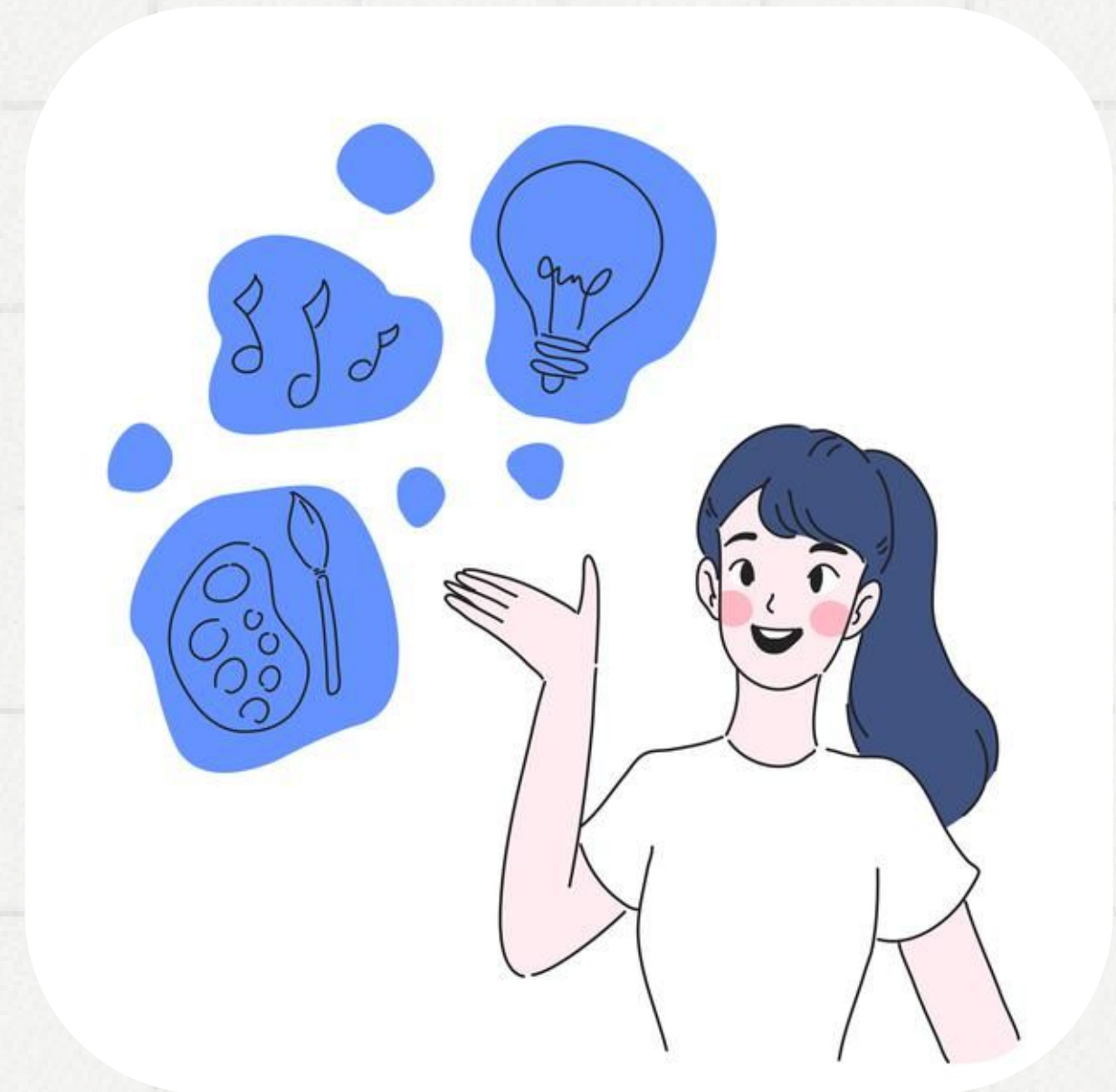


What is "used to"?

"Used to" is an English expression we use to talk about actions or situations that happened regularly in the past, but don't happen anymore in the present.

Examples:

- I used to get up early.
- We used to go to the beach every summer.



Structure:

Affirmative

Subject + used to + base form of the verb

Example: I used to play the piano.

Negative

Subject + didn't use to + base form of the verb

Example: She didn't use to like vegetables.

Interrogative

Did + subject + use to + base form of the verb?

Example: Did you use to live in a small town?

comparing “used to” with past simple

We use "used to" for actions or states that were habitual in the past but are no longer true.

The simple past is used for actions or states that happened at a specific time in the past.

Example:

- I used to play the piano. (I don't play the piano anymore.)
- I played the piano yesterday. (I played the piano once, yesterday.)



How do we express current habits?

We don't use "**used to**" to talk about habits that happen now. Instead, we use:

- **Present simple tense:** This is the verb tense we use to describe habitual actions or routines that happen in the present.
- **Frequency adverbs:** In addition to the simple present, we can use frequency adverbs like "always," "usually," "often," "sometimes," "rarely," and "never" to emphasize how often an action occurs.

Used to vs. I am Used To

Used to

This phrase is used to talk about habits or states that existed in the past but no longer continue.

–"I used to play soccer every day."
(I don't play soccer anymore.)

I am Used To

This phrase is used to express familiarity or acclimation to a particular situation or habit.

–"I am used to the noise." (I don't mind the noise anymore because I'm accustomed to it.)

–"She is used to working long hours." (She is accustomed to working long hours.)





Thank you very much!

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