Exercises

18.1 Complete the sentences with **used to** + a suitable verb.

1 Nicola ___*used to travel*___ a lot, but she doesn't go away much these days.
2 Sophie .... a motorbike, but last year she sold it and bought a car.
3 Our friends moved to Spain a few years ago. They .... in Paris.
4 Jackie .... my best friend, but we aren't friends any more.
5 I rarely eat ice cream now, but I .... it when I was a child.
6 It only takes me about 40 minutes to get to work now that the new road is open.
   It .... more than an hour.
7 There .... a hotel near the airport, but it closed a long time ago.
8 I .... in a factory. It wasn't my favourite job.

18.2 Complete the sentences. Choose from the box.

| did |
| didn't |
| to |
| use |
| used |
| used to |
| used to be |
| ~~used to have~~ |
| be able |

1 Lisa ___*used to have*___ very long hair when she was a child.
2 We .... to watch TV a lot, but we don't have a TV any more.
3 Lisa works in a shop now. She .... a receptionist in a hotel.
4 What games .... you use to play when you were a child?
5 I .... like big cities, but now I prefer the countryside.
6 In your last job, how many hours a day did you .... to work?
7 I don't travel very much these days, but I used ....
8 I used to .... to run ten kilometres, but I can't run that far now.
9 These days I eat more than before. I .... use to eat as much.

18.3 Compare what Karen said ten years ago and what she says today:

TEN YEARS AGO

~~I travel a lot.~~

I'm very lazy.

I don't like cheese.

I play the piano.

I never drink tea.

I have a dog.

TODAY

I eat lots of cheese now.

My dog died two years ago.

I work very hard these days.

I haven't played the piano for a long time.

~~I don't go away much these days.~~

Tea's great! I like it now.

Now write about how Karen has changed. Use **used to** / **didn't use to** / **never used to** in the first part of your sentence.

1 ___She used to travel a lot,___ but ___she doesn't go away much these days.___
2 She used .... but ....
3 .... but ....
4 .... but ....
5 .... but ....
6 .... but ....

18.4 Write sentences about yourself. Begin **I used to …** (**I used to be**/**work**/**like**/**play** etc.)

1 ___I used to live in a small village, but now I live in a city.___
2 ___I used to play tennis a lot, but I don't play any more.___
3 I used .... , but ....
4 I ....
5 ....

Now begin with **I didn't use to …** .

6 ___I didn't use to read a lot, but I do now.___
7 I didn't ....
8 ....