

Activity Type

Grammar and Speaking Game: answering questions, guided discussions, communicative practice (group work)

Focus

Used to

Past simple

Aim

To practice *used to* and the past simple by discussing and answering questions about childhood memories.

Preparation

Make one copy of the game board for each group of three or four. Enlarge the game board to A3 if possible.

Also, provide a dice and counters for each group.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this *used to* board game, students practice *used to* and the past simple by discussing and answering questions about childhood memories. The game is ideal for teenagers or adults and provides students with a great opportunity to practice building a conversation about growing up.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of three or four.

Give each group a copy of the game board, a dice and counters.

Players place their counters on the start square.

The first player to throw a six starts the game.







Players then take turns rolling the dice and moving their counter along the board.

When a player lands on a square, the student on their right asks the player the question on the square about their experience of growing up.

The player then uses *used to* and the past simple to answer the question.

Next, the group explores the topic by asking follow-up questions and giving comments.

The first player to reach the finish wins the game.

How often did you use to get into trouble?	What games did you use to play?	Who used to be your best friend? Do you still see him/her?		Did you use to ride a bicycle? If so, where did you ride?	What did you use to do on rainy days?	What clothes did you use to wear?	
What complaints did your parents use to have?		Go forward 4 spaces	Did you use to be a good or bad student?	Who did you use to fight with?		Who used to be your favourite relative? Why?	
Miss a turn						Did you use to have a pet? If not, did you want one?	
What did you use to love doing in your free time?			Miss a turn	What used to be your best school subject?	What did you use to be frightened of?		Who did you use to play with? What did you play?
What did you use to hate doing in your free time?			Who used to be your favourite singer/band?		What did you use to look like?		What did you use to do on your school holidays?
What TV programmes did you use to watch?	What is your best memory of growing up?		What used to be your biggest problem?		Go forward 1 space		
Go forward 2 spaces		What used to be your biggest dream?		Go back 2 spaces	What used to be your favourite toy?		
What did you use to do at the weekends?		Finish!		Who used to be your hero or heroine?	What food did you use to like?		
What sports did you use to play? Who did you play with?				Did you use to have to be home at a certain time?	Where did you use to live when you were growing up?		
What used to be your favourite film? Why?	Go back 1 space	Where did you use to go on holiday?	Did you use to have a boyfriend/girlfriend?	Did you use to get good grades in school?		Start	