

StartUp 4
Pronunciation

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TO THE TEACHER

Teach your students the concept of "blending of used to".

Blended pronunciation of *used to* ("useta")

The verb *use* is normally pronounced /yuz/ (past *used* /yuzd/). But when we use *used to* or *use to* to talk about past habits, we blend the two words together and say "useta" /yustə/.

Play the video once and focus on the concept you have already taught.



Watch the video and pay attention to the “blending of used to”

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A 04-03 Listen. Notice the blended pronunciation of *used to* and *use to*. Then listen and repeat.

/yustə/	/yuzd/
I used to hate shopping.	I used a credit card.
He didn't use to see his friends.	She used an app to pay.



Play the audio. Ask your students to do the task. Then ask them to repeat the correct pronunciation chorally and individually.

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B 04-04 Listen. Circle "yes" if the sentence uses the blended pronunciation "useta" /yustə/. Circle "no" if it doesn't. Then check your answers with a partner.

1. yes / no
2. yes / no
3. yes / no
4. yes / no
5. yes / no
6. yes / no



Ask your students to read the part focusing on pronunciation.

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I used to play the piano daily.
My grandmother used to bake cookies.
We used to take beach vacations.
I used to live in a town.
I used to meet my best friend every Saturday.

READ THE SENTENCES AND PAY ATTENTION TO THEIR PRONUNCIATION.

Have your Ss do the task in breakout rooms.

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C PAIRS Talk about things you used to do or like and how that has changed. Try to find a change that you have in common.

A: I used to play soccer, but I don't have time anymore.
B: Not me. I never played soccer.



