



# MAN'S BEST FRIEND

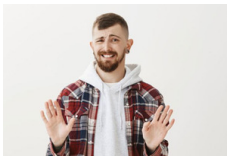


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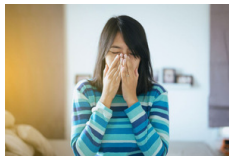
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## 1 Warm up

These people are talking about having a pet. Read what they say and decide if each one is for or against having a pet.



"I don't want to clean up after it." - Martin



"I'm allergic to fur." - Jo



"It can help you make new friends." -Katie



"I'm very busy at work so I don't have much free time." - Agnes



"You will be healthier and live longer." - Maria



"It reduces stress." - Anne



"Food and medicine are very expensive." - Eve



"You get lots of exercise." - Marcus

Do you have a pet? Why/not?

Can you think of any other reasons for or against having a pet?



## 2

## Listening

Kim has a new dog, Pep. Listen to the conversation between Kim and her friend George. Put a K next to the things that Kim talks about and a G next to the things that George talks about.

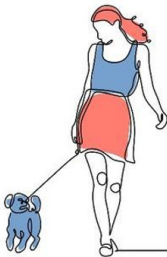


## Positives:

getting exercise  
living longer  
making friends  
reducing stress

## Negatives:

being allergic  
being busy  
cleaning up  
the cost or expense



Listen again and choose the best answer to complete the sentences.

1. Kim and George last saw each other **8 / 15 / 18** months ago.
2. Kim has had her dog Pep for **6 weeks / months / years**.
3. Pep has changed Kim's life **in a bad way / a little bit / a lot**.
4. Kim walks Pep **2-3 times a day / 3-4 times a day / 1-2 times a day**.
5. Kim gets up at **5:30 / 6:00 / 6:30**.
6. George's grandmother was **90 / 95 / 100** when she died.

## 3

## Language point

Study the sentences and choose the best option to complete the rules.

1. I **used to sit** in front of the computer all day and then watch TV in the evenings. But now I go out for walks with Pep two or three times a day.
2. I **used to think** that I was busy too, but the problem was that I **didn't use to have** a good daily routine. Now I get up at six and go out with Pep.
3. Spending time with her really helps me relax. I **used to be** so stressed.
4. And Pep has helped me make a lot of new friends too. I **didn't use to know** any of my neighbours, but now everyone wants to stop and talk to me.
5. What kind of dog **did** your grandmother **use to have**?

**Choose one option:**

1. The form *used to + verb* describes things in the past that **don't happen now / still happen**.
2. We use this form to talk about changes in **repeated actions only / repeated actions and states**.
3. The negative and question forms have **the same / different** spelling to the positive forms.

**Study the table.**

positive	I/you/he/she/it/we/they used to sit in front of the computer.
negative	I/you/he/she/it/we/they didn't use to sit in front of the computer.
yes/no questions	Did I/you/he/she/it/we/they use to sit in front of the computer?
short answers	Yes, I/you/he/she/it/we/they did.
	No, I/you/he/she/it/we/they didn't.
question word question	When did I/you/he/she/it/we/they use to sit in front of the computer?

The words in this form are linked, and in fast natural speech, we use this pronunciation for *used to / (didn't) use to*: /ju:stə/

Now, practise example sentences 1-5 using this pronunciation. Build up each sentence like this.

used to

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used to sit

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I used to sit

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I used to sit in front of the computer all day

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I used to sit in front of the computer all day and then watch TV in the evenings.

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## 4

**Practice**

Kim adopted Pep from an animal shelter. Before she went to the animal shelter, Pep lived on the street. Pep's life changed a lot when Kim adopted her. Use the verb in brackets to complete sentences about Pep's life in the past, using *used to* / *didn't use to*.

1. Now I have clean water to drink. I \_\_\_\_\_ dirty water. (drink)
2. Now I have lots of food to eat. I \_\_\_\_\_ much food. (have)
3. Now I have a nice warm home, even in the winter. I \_\_\_\_\_ cold in the winter. (be)
4. Now I feel safe. I \_\_\_\_\_ safe. (feel)
5. Now Kim is my friend. I \_\_\_\_\_ any human friends. (have)
6. Now my fur is clean and soft. My fur \_\_\_\_\_ dirty. (be)
7. Now if I'm sick, I can see the vet. When I lived on the street, I \_\_\_\_\_ medical attention. (have)
8. Now I play with other dogs. I \_\_\_\_\_ other dogs. (fight)
9. Now I enjoy life. I \_\_\_\_\_ life. (enjoy)
10. Sometimes I ask myself, "How \_\_\_\_\_ on the streets?" (live)

## 5

**Speaking**

Work in A/B pairs. You are going to talk about some pets that you used to have in the past. Working alone, choose three pets from your list (A or B) and complete the information in the table for this pet. You can use the ideas you are given and/or invent your own ideas.

Now work with your partner. Take turns to make yes/no questions and answer in full sentences, like this:

Did your pet use to live in the house? Yes, it used to live in the house. / No, it didn't use to live in the house.

For at least one pet, ask and answer questions with question words, like this:

Where did your pet use to live? It used to live in the house.



Guess which pets your partner used to have: Did you use to have a ....?

**Student A** used to have a: parrot / donkey / fish / rabbit / lizard / frog / other

**Student B** used to have a: hamster / pony / stick insect / snake / chicken / other

	Pet 1 was a	Pet 2 was a	Pet 3 was a
It lived: outside / in a cage / in the house / other			
It ate: meat / fruit and vegetables / seeds / other			
It was: friendly / shy / sleepy / other			
It cost: a lot of money / a bit of money / very little money			
It needed: a lot of exercise / a lot of attention / a lot of special equipment / other			
Problems: allergic / dirty / dangerous / other			

1. Which pet was the easiest? Which one caused the most problems?
2. Would you like to have any of these pets in the future? Why/not?



**6** Extra practice/homework

Kim's friend George decided to get a cat. Put the words in order to make sentences about George's life before he got a pet. Then match each sentence about the past with a sentence about now.

a / dream / getting / I / of / pet. / to / used /

1. \_\_\_\_\_

an / come home / empty house. / from work / I / to / to / used /

2. \_\_\_\_\_

anyone / didn't / have / I / to / to / TV / use / watch / with.

3. \_\_\_\_\_

a / be / bit / I / I / stressed. / think / to / used

4. \_\_\_\_\_

be / didn't / healthy. / I / to / use / very /

5. \_\_\_\_\_

have / I / money. / more / to / used

6. \_\_\_\_\_

all / best / friend / me / My / the / time. / to / used / visit

7. \_\_\_\_\_

look / My / nice. / really / sofa / to / used

8. \_\_\_\_\_



Now match the sentences. The first one has been done for you.

Fluff always watches TV with me in the evenings. \_\_\_\_

Fluff has damaged it. \_\_\_\_

He's allergic to cats, so we meet in the pub or at his house. \_\_\_\_

I finally decided to get a cat from the animal shelter. 1

Now Fluff is here to say hello. \_\_\_\_

Now I have to buy cat food and pay for her medical care. \_\_\_\_

Now I'm exercising more because I have to think about Fluff. \_\_\_\_

Since I got Fluff, I've felt a lot happier. \_\_\_\_

**7** Optional extension

Dogs need a lot of things to keep them healthy and happy. Match the words and pictures.

bed  
kennel

brush  
lead

collar  
microchip

food  
toy



1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_



5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_

1. Do you think all of these things are necessary if you have a dog?
2. Some people even dress their dogs in special clothes. Do you think this is a good idea? Why/not?