



English

Small Talk

How's it going? What have you been up to this week?

What are your plans for the upcoming few days?

What are you reading at the moment?

Conversation

What is the best age to become a parent? What is too young and too old?

What can you cook?

Which animals do you think would make good football players?



Grammar: Used to vs. Didn't Use to

1. 'Used to' : things that happened, or were true, in the past (and now don't happen or aren't true)

2. 'Didn't use to': things that didn't happen, or weren't true, in the past (but now do happen, or are true).

1.

I used to play football a lot when I was a kid, but I haven't played for a long time.

He used to like her a lot, but not so much now.

2.

I didn't use to like chemistry very much, but since the teacher changed I quite like it.

She didn't use to be so fat.

Vocabulary: Pastimes
(review)

jogging
cycling
yoga
socializing
hanging out with friends
dining out / eating out
playing cards
bowling

Casual Chat: Review and Reading

Previous Phrases

How are things?
Been up to much recently?
apart from
snowed under
hardly
I'm sorry to hear that
I was going to ask...
I would if I could
since (this situation is true)
Anyone but...
I haven't...for ages
I'm so...I could...
Makes no difference to me

Reading

If you think about it, how many of the things that you talk about during a day are truly important? On the surface, perhaps not many; but communicating is a key part of human life. Making small talk is an important part of any culture, no matter whether it is about the weather, last night's game, office gossip, or complaining about a friend. Human beings are, on the whole, a social animal and talking is one way in which we interact (some people even say our ability to communicate makes us above other animals).



Complete the Nursery Rhymes

Jack and Jill went up a ____
To fetch a pail of ____
Jack fell down and broke his ____
And Jill came tumbling after.

Georgie Porgie, ____ and ____
____ the girls and made them ____
When the boys came out to play
Georgie Porgie ____ ____.

It's raining, it's ____
The old man is ____
He went to bed and ____ his head
And he couldn't get up in the morning.



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The Three Bears (also known as 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears')

Once upon a time there was a family of three bears that lived in the woods: Papa Bear, who was a great big bear; Mama Bear, who was a middle-sized bear; and Baby Bear, who was a little bear.

Each morning Mama Bear made porridge for breakfast, and went for a walk while it cooled. Papa Bear had a big bowl; Mama Bear had a middle-sized bowl; and Baby Bear had a small bowl.

Every afternoon the bears would sit in the house. Papa Bear had a big chair; Mama Bear had a middle-sized chair; and Baby Bear had a small chair.

Every night the bears would go to sleep. Papa Bear had a big bed; Mama Bear had a middle-sized bed; and Baby Bear had a small bed.

One morning a little girl with blonde hair called Goldilocks arrived at the house. She looked through the window, but didn't see anyone. She looked through the keyhole, but didn't see anyone. And then she knocked on the door, but nobody answered. The bears had gone out for their walk, waiting for the porridge to cool. Goldilocks went inside the house.

"Mmm, porridge..."

First she tasted the porridge in the big bowl, but it was too hot. Then she tasted the porridge in the middle-sized bowl, but it was too cold. Finally she tasted the porridge in the small bowl, and it was just right.

"Delicious!" And Goldilocks ate the whole bowl.

She looked and saw the chairs.

"Those look comfortable."

First she sat on the big chair, but it was too hard. Then she sat on the middle-sized chair, but it was too soft. Finally she sat on the small chair, and it was just right. However, Goldilocks was too heavy, and the chair broke.

Goldilocks looked for a new place. She was feeling tired. She went upstairs and looked at the three beds.

First she lay on the big bed, but it was too high. Then she lay on the middle-sized bed, but it was too low. Finally she lay on the small bed, and it was just right. Goldilocks quickly fell asleep.

While Goldilocks was sleeping the bears came home. Papa Bear looked at his bowl.

"Someone has been eating my porridge!"

Mama Bear looked at her bowl.

"Someone has been eating my porridge!"

Baby Bear looked at his bowl.

"Someone has been eating my porridge, and has eaten it all up!"

They went to the chairs. Papa Bear looked at his chair.

"Someone has been sitting in my chair!"

Mama Bear looked at her chair.

"Someone has been sitting in my chair!"

Baby Bear looked at his chair.

"Someone has been sitting in my chair, and has broken it!"

Now the bears went upstairs. Papa Bear looked at his bed.

"Someone has been sleeping in my bed!"

Mama Bear looked at her bed.

"Someone has been sleeping in my bed!"

Baby Bear looked at his bed.

"Someone has been sleeping in my bed – and she's still here!"

Papa Bear and Mama Bear went to look at Baby Bear's bed. The three bears standing over her made Goldilocks wake up.

"Aaaaaa!" she screamed, and quickly got up and ran away, back into the woods.