ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Could, Couldn't, Used To Do, Didn't Use To Do Test A1 A2 Level Exercises

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Explanations

1. A: Have you got a car?

B: No. I _____ have one but I sold it.
✓ **A) used to**
We use **used to** + verb for something that was true in the past but is not true now. I had a car before, but now I don't.

2. Three years ago I _____ any sports but now I go jogging every morning.
✓ **C) didn't use to do**
The negative form is **didn't use to** + base verb: **didn't use to do**. After **didn't**, write **use**, not **used**, and use the base verb **do**.

3. When I was a child, I used to _____ my holidays with my grandparents.
✓ **A) spend**
We say **spend** holidays, which means to pass time somewhere. Example: **I spend my holidays at the beach.**

4. Lila _____ in a small house but now she _____ in a big house.
✓ **B) used to live / lives**
Used to live is for the past. **Now** shows the present simple, and with **she** we add -s: **she lives**.

5. A hundred years ago, people used to _____ on horses.
✓ **A) travel**
Travel means to go from one place to another. In the past, people **used to travel on horses**. We don't say **drive on horses**; we **ride** horses.

6. A: What _____ you do when you were five?

B: I _____ speak three languages.
✓ **C) could / could**
Could is the past of **can**. **When you were five** is in the past, so we use **could** in the question and in the answer.

7. It was rainy yesterday so we _____ go on a picnic.
✓ **D) couldn't**
Yesterday is in the past, and the rain stopped us, so we use **couldn't** (was not able to).

8. A: _____ a computer when you were six?

B: No, I _____.
✓ **C) Could you use / couldn't**
Could you...? asks about ability in the past (**when you were six**). A short answer with **No** is **No, I couldn't**.

9. I broke my arm so I _____ do my homework yesterday.
✓ **D) couldn't**
Yesterday shows the past, and a broken arm stopped me, so we use **couldn't** (was not able to).

10. There _____ a stadium near our house but now there _____ a shopping mall instead.
✓ **A) used to be / is**
There used to be is for the past, and **now** needs the present: **there is** (one shopping mall).

11. My father _____ be a teacher ten years ago but now he is retired.
✓ **A) used to**
He was a teacher in the past but he is not one now, so we say **used to be**. In positive sentences we write **used to**, not **use to** or **uses to**.

12. I _____ watch the football match on TV last night because the lights _____ off.
✓ **D) couldn't / went**
Last night is in the past. So we use **couldn't** (was not able to) and the past simple **went off**.

13. I _____ fried chicken but I do now.
✓ **B) didn't use to like**
But I do now shows that in the past it was not true. So we use the negative **didn't use to like**. After **didn't**, write **use**, not **used**.

14. Brad _____ do his homework yesterday because he had a bad headache.
✓ **A) couldn't**
Yesterday shows the past, and the headache stopped him, so we use **couldn't**. **Didn't use to** is for past habits, not one day.

15. A: _____ you send the letter to Mag yesterday?

B: No, I _____ because I lost her address.
✓ **D) Could / couldn't**
Yesterday shows the past, so we use **could**. The answer is **No**, so it is **No, I couldn't**.

16. Mrs Mark _____ have brown hair but now she has grey hair.
✓ **A) used to**
Her hair was brown in the past but is grey now, so we use **used to have**. Positive sentences use **used to**, not **use to**.