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How do I…

How do I talk about my childhood hobbies?

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ኣቕራቢ ቋንቋ ትግርኛ
ሰላም፣ እንቋዕ ናብ መደብ How do I… ብድሓን መጻእኩም። ኣነ ተኽልማርያም በኪት ኢየ፡ ምሳና’ውን ሳም ኣሎ።

Sam
Hello, everybody. Welcome!

ኣቕራቢ ቋንቋ ትግርኛ
ኣብ’ዚ ክፋል እዚ፤ ብዛዕባ… ክንዛረብ ኢና። እስከ ብዛዕባ ምንታይ ከም ዝኾነ ገምቱ። በሉ ብዕላል ናይ ገለ ሰባት ብዛዕባ ዝንባለኦም ዝዛረቡ ዘሎው ብምስማዕ ንጀምር።
ብዛዕባ ናይ ሕጂ ወይ ናይ እዋን ቁልዕነት ዝነበሮም ድልየት ከምዝዛረቡ ወስኑ።

A.I used to play football with my friends but now I don’t.

B.I used to watch a lot of films when I was a child.

C.I didn’t use to listen to music much when I was young.

ኣቕራቢ ቋንቋ ትግርኛ
ስለዚ፤ ብዛዕባ ናይ ሕጂ’ዶ ናይ ቀደም ድልየታቶም ወይ ተገዳስነቶም ተዛሪቦም?
እወ ሓቆም፡ ናይ ቆልዕነቶም ተዛሪቦም።

Sam
Absolutely! Now let’s have a look at the language they used.

ኣቕራቢ ቋንቋ ትግርኛ
ሕራይ፤ ኣብዚ ኹሉ ሙሉእ ሓሳባት እምብኣር እዞም ሰባት፡ ብዛዕባ ሕሉፍ ድልየታቶም ‘past habits’ ዝገበርዎ ወይ ዘይገበርዎ ነገራት’ዮም ተዛሪቦም። እስከ ነዚ ንምግላጽ ዝተጠቐሙሉ ሓረግ ደጊምና ንስማዓዮ።

I used to play football with my friends.

I used to watch a lot of films.

ኣቕራቢ ቋንቋ ትግርኛ
ሕሉፍ ድልየታቶም ወይ ተደጋገምቲ ተግባራት ንምግላጽ ዝተጠቐሙሎም ሓረጋት እምበኣር ‘used to’ ዝነበረ፤ እዩ ኔሩ።

Sam
Yes, and did you hear what we put *after* ‘used to’?

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ኣቕራቢ ቋንቋ ትግርኛ
Let’s listen again! ሕጂ ብድሕሪ ‘used to’ እንታይ ከም እንጥቀም ንርአ።

I used to play football with my friends.

I used to watch a lot of films.

ኣቕራቢ ቋንቋ ትግርኛ
What did you hear? ነፍሲ ወከፍ ተዛራባይ ብድሕሪ ‘used to’ ከም ሰረት ግሲ ወይ ተግባር ተጠቒሙ። ‘play’ ‘ምጽዋት’ ከምኡ’ውን ‘watch’ ‘ምርኣይ’ ‘ዝብሉ ቃላት’ውን ሰሚዕና ኢና፤ ኣብ’ዚ ግን ዝኾነ ግሲ ምእታው ይከኣል። ከም መሰረታዊ ቕዲ እምበር ከም መባዝሒ ክንጠቀመሉ የብልናን። ምኽንያቱ ‘used to’ ብዛዕባ ሕሉፍ ንዛረብ ከም ዘሎና ስለ ዝገልጽ።

Sam
Now, let’s quickly practise the pronunciation together! The important thing to notice here is that we pronounce ‘used to’ together, not like it’s two separate words. Repeat after me:
used to…
I used to…
I used to play football.
I used to watch films.

ኣቕራቢ ቋንቋ ትግርኛ
Great! ሕጂ ሓደ ተዛራባይ ብዛዕባ ዘይገብሮ ዝነበረ ነገር ፍልይ ዝበለ ከዛረበ’ዩ፤ ብዛዕባ ዘይገብሮ ዝነበረ ነገር። ብኸመይ ከምዝገልጾ ንምፍላጥ ደጊምኩም ስምዕዎ።

I didn’t use to listen to music much.

ኣቕራቢ ቋንቋ ትግርኛ
ሰሚዕኩምዎ’ዶ? ቅድሚ ‘use to’ ‘didn’t’ ተጠቒሙ። ብድሕሪ ‘use to’ ድማ ግሲ ተጠቒሙ። Simple!

Sam
Yes, it is! Let’s practise the pronunciation together. Repeat after me:
didn’t use to…
I didn’t use to...
I didn’t use to listen to music much.

ኣቕራቢ ቋንቋ ትግርኛ
Thanks, Sam. ሕጂ ብዛዕባ ሕሉፍ ወልፍታት ብኸመይ ከም እትዛረቡ ተማሂርኩም ኣለኹም፡ ሕጂ ግዴኹም ፈትኑ። ኣብ ግዜ ቁልዕነትኩም ብዙሕ ፊልም ኣይትርእዩን ኔርኩም ንበል፤ እቲ ዘድልየኩም ቃል ‘watch films’ ኮይኑ ኣሉታዊ ክኸውን ኣለዎ። ድሕሪ መልሲ ሳም ምስማዕኩም ኣነጻጽሩ።

Sam
I didn’t use to watch films.

ኣቕራቢ ቋንቋ ትግርኛ
ሕጂ ናይ ጊዜ ቁልዕነትኩም ዝንባለ ሙዚቃ ምስማዕ እዩ ኔሩ ንበል፤ እንታይ ትብሉ? ‘Listen to music’ ዝብል ቃል ምጥቃም ኣይትረስዑ። ንሳም ሰሚዕኩም ድማ ኣነጻጽሩ።

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Sam
I used to listen to music.

ኣቕራቢ ቋንቋ ትግርኛ
ኣብ መወዳእታ፤ ናይ ጊዜ ቁልዕነትኩም ወልፊ ኩዑሾ ምጽዋት እዩ ኔሩ ንበል፤ እንታይ ትብሉ? ‘Play football’ ዝብል ቃል ምጥቃም ኣይትረስዑ።

Sam
I used to play football.

Well done! Now you know how to talk about past habits, so find a friend and tell them about your childhood hobbies!

ኣቕራቢ ቋንቋ ትግርኛ
Good idea! Sam, what were your childhood hobbies?

Sam
Well, I used to play the piano…I used to read a lot… I didn’t use to watch much television…

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