

The verb to be in the Past Tense: **Section A**

**Verb To be**

Affirmative		Negative		Question	
I		I		I?	
He	<b>WAS</b>	He	<b>WAS NOT</b> = <b>(wasn't)</b>	he?	<b>WAS</b>
She		She		she?	
It		It		it?	
We	<b>WERE</b>	We	<b>WERE NOT</b> = <b>(weren't)</b>	we?	<b>WERE</b>
You		You		you?	
They		They		they?	

Used to in the Past Tense: **Section B**

**Past with Used To**

Use **used to + base form** to show habitual events that were true in the past but not today.

She **used to be** on the editorial staff of a Chilean magazine called *Paula*.

She **used to write** many humorous and feminist articles for that magazine.



**Knowledge Organiser - Partnership Group**  
**Writing Booster – Reading an article - Spring 2**

Adjectives to describe character: **Section C**



Parts of a newspaper article: **Section D**

**Masthead, date and headline**

**Flash**  
Briefly describes your article.

**Introduction**  
Interest the reader.  
Summarise the whole story.

**Main body**  
Use columns, sub-headings, detail and illustrations.

**Conclusion**  
What is your point of view about this story?

**Example of writing extension:**  
**From: 'Living with a foster family'**

'You have to tread carefully as a foster parent. I've never tried to be his mum- he's already got a mum whom he loves very much and sees regularly. All we're doing is giving him a home: the child has to feel he's part of the family without forgetting that his real family is elsewhere.'

**Section E: Homework**

- 1 Look/cover/write/check to learn spelling rules in **Section A**
  2. Look/cover/write/check to learn vocabulary in **Section B**
  3. Look/cover/write/check to learn vocabulary in **Section C**. Use the adjectives in full sentences.
  4. Use a bilingual dictionary to translate the new words in **Section D**
- Writing Extension:**  
Read the introduction to an article and write the main body that would follow.  
Don't forget to use quotes and examples to support your ideas.  
Use the verbs in the Past Tense wherever possible.

**Main Body of the Article**

- Write one example of how living with a foster family may be a challenge.  
Example: 'Living with a foster family may be a challenge because....'
  - Write an explanation for this example:  
'This is because..... Another reason may be that.... Moreover .....
- In conclusion, living with a foster family is.....

