Focus on activity: used to

Target audience (age): Ensino Fundamental F2 (last grades)/ Ensino Médio/ Language Schools
Lesson links: English ID 2, Unit 4; The Big Picture B1+, Unit 2; The Big Picture B2, Unit 2; Log in 4, Unit 3
Aim: practice *used to* with different skills (speaking, listening, reading)
Duration: 30-40 minutes
Organization: groups
Material: CD or MP3 with the song, CD player or computer to play the song or the video clip

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dvgZkm1xWPE;
http://www.vagalume.com.br/coldplay/viva-la-vida.html (accessed on 7/21/2014)

Preparation: Watch the video clip/ listen to the song; have the worksheets ready

Procedure:

- Ask students to check what they *used to do* before 12 years old.

- Then ask them to walk around the classroom, interview their classmates asking *Did you use to _____?* When they find two classmates who used to do something similar to them, students can go back to their seats. It's ok if they don't find anyone with similarities.

- Play the beginning of the song or show the video and ask students to cross out the extra words.

- Play it again and check their answers.

- Divide students in pairs and ask them to think about the king's story. Have them write it down. Invite some volunteers to read their stories to the group.

- Ask volunteers to read King Midas' story and exchange opinions with the other students.

Wrap up: Work in groups and change part of the stories of the kings with *used to*. Present to the other students.

Answer Key

1. Check the things you used to do before you were 12 years old. Answers will vary.

( ) go to the zoo   ( ) catch bugs   ( ) jump in puddles

( ) make a sandcastle   ( ) play with Lego   ( ) collect stickers

( ) stand up in a moving car   ( ) make play dough   ( ) climb trees

( ) eat a fruit straight from a tree ( ) ride a bike   ( ) bake a cake

2. Find two classmates who used to do the same things as you did. Answers will vary.

_____   _____

3. Listen to the song and cross out the extra words.

I used to rule <u>all</u> the world Seas would <u>simply</u> rise when I gave the <u>final</u> word	I used to roll <u>and play</u> the dice Feel the fear in my enemy's eyes
Now in the morning I sleep <u>and wake up</u> alone Sweep the streets I <u>never</u> used to own	Listen as the <u>entire</u> crowd would sing: "Now the old king is dead! Long live the <u>new</u> king!" <u>used to say</u>

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4. Talk to your partner and tell the king's story according to the song. Try to use "used to".

5. Read the story below and relate it to task 4. Share your thoughts with the group.

King Midas used to be a very greedy king. Even though he was very rich he used to crave for more and more.

One day, he called his court magician and commanded, *Find me a spell that can get me more treasures than I already have.* The magician said, *Your majesty, I can give you a power that no one else in this world has. Anything that you touch will turn into gold.* The king was delighted with his good fortune. Everything he touched turned into gold. He turned trees, grass, tables, chairs, flowers, and vases into gold.

But in the evening, when he sat down for supper, King Midas was dismayed. His food turned into gold the moment he touched it and he had to go to bed without any food! However, King Midas was too greedy to be sad about it.

The next morning, the king's daughter ran to hug her father. The minute she kissed him, she turned into a gold statue! King Midas, who loved his daughter very much, was very sad and he ran to the magician for help. He cried, *Please help me, Magician! I don't want to be rich anymore. I only want my beloved daughter back.* The magician changed everything back to normal.

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