



FORTUNE-TELLING FUN: What Did Your Past Life Hold?
(PRACTICING "USED TO")
An English-Zone.Com Activity

CARDS	♠ SPADES ♠	♥ HEARTS ♥	♣ CLUBS ♣	♦ DIAMONDS ♦
ACE	be a dancer in a ballet	be married to someone famous	work in a factory; be a supervisor	be the Queen of England
KING	have 12 children; 6 boys and six girls	be married to someone very poor	(not) get sick, but you died young	gamble often in Las Vegas
QUEEN	have many children, and you weren't married!	have an exciting, but problematic life	be the great author, William Shakespeare	be very rich from your inventions; be ugly
JACK	be a tailor who made clothes for kings and queens	be married, then divorced, married, then divorced!	hear scary sounds every night when you tried to sleep	lose all your money in Las Vegas every weekend
TEN	copy books before the printing press was invented	know Cleopatra, Queen of the Nile; be her servant	be a radio star before television was invented	(not) be able to keep a job; be a robber
NINE	live in the jungles of Africa	have many lovers in your castle	be very, very tall; live in a forest	have an elephant; live in a jungle
EIGHT	(not) build pyramids	be one of the many lovers of a king	be completely bald; be an emperor	travel everywhere on a donkey
SEVEN	have a stormy relationship	be married to an ugly, but kind man	be very powerful and wealthy	be a cat; catch mice and birds
SIX	live in Paris, France	have a happy, but boring life	be a dog trainer; work for hunters	take mysterious trips for the gov't.
FIVE	live all alone in a cave	(not) be married, but be happy	be very short; be a man	travel a lot all over the world
FOUR	pan for gold; be a miner	be very beautiful; be a woman	be Napoleon's assistant	receive mysterious gifts from lovers
THREE	travel very often	be very, very ugly	work in the circus	be an explorer
TWO	be very healthy and you died at 125 years of age	be a horse living on a farm; pull a plow and a wagon	see ghosts everywhere; be psychic	be the architect who built bridges and statues

Sentences to use:

Please close your eyes, clear your mind, and choose three cards. Now lay them on the table.

The (1st / 2nd / 3rd) card shows that you used to _____.

I see that you used to ____ at some time in your past.

This card indicates that you used to ____ in your previous life.

--NEGATIVES--

The cards say you never used to ____ in your past life.

The cards show you didn't use to ____ in your former life.

In the past, you never used to _____.



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OBJECTIVE: To practice USED TO + verb.

LEVEL: intermediate +

TIME: 15 - 20 minutes

MATERIALS: -One deck of playing cards (jokers removed) per group of students.
-One handout per group leader.

PROCEDURE:

-Choose your group leaders ahead of time – these will be your fortune-tellers.

-Take the group leaders aside and explain how to read the handout.

For example, if a “client” draws the 3 of spades, the fortune-teller must say, “The first card shows that you used to travel a lot.” If the client draws the 10 of clubs, the fortune-teller will say, “In the past, you never used to be able to keep a job. You used to be a bank robber!”

-To begin - Divide students into small groups of 3-4.

-Fortune-teller tells one student, “Please close your eyes, clear your mind, and choose three cards. Now lay them on the table.”

-Student follows instructions.

-Fortune-teller “reads” the cards to tell the “clients” what they used to do/be in their past lives.

-The handout with the fortunes is for the fortune-teller’s use only – it’s supposed to be kept “mysterious!”

-Fortune-teller reads one student’s fortune at a time, then shuffles the deck and moves to the next client.

-There are sentences given for the fortune-teller to use when reading the past.
(The (1st / 2nd / 3rd) card shows that you used to _____, etc.)

-When all students have had their past lives read, have each student in the group take turns reading the fortune-teller’s past.

-This exercise is meant for entertainment purposes only! None of the fortunes are true!