

WRITING SYNTHESIS: Lesson 22 - A Success Story

Emma Hutchinson Biography, Career Progression, & Past Habits Grammar

Objective: Analyze Emma Hutchinson's success story, review life achievements, and master 'used to' structures

Track: Secondary Level

1. Core Content: Emma Hutchinson's Story

This lesson chronicles the inspiring life and career of Emma Hutchinson, a partially deaf musician and entrepreneur [cite: 1]:

A. Key Biographical Details & Milestones

- **Profile:** Emma Hutchinson is 36 years old [cite: 1], partially deaf (wearing hearing aids), and plays the piano, triangle, French horn, violin, and trumpet [cite: 1].
- **Childhood:** Loved playing instruments despite her hearing loss; her mother booked her for piano lessons [cite: 1]. She never used her deafness as an excuse [cite: 1].
- **Age 11:** Won a scholarship to music school [cite: 1].
- **Age 30:** Helped organize a children's concert, leading her to set up her own company, "The Music House for Children" [cite: 1].
- **Age 36:** Employs 30 teachers, teaches nearly 300 children across London, and works with deaf children at a special school [cite: 1].

2. Grammar Focus: 'Used to' & Past Habits

- **Structure:** Used to express past states or repeated actions that no longer happen (e.g., *Camels used to be the only form of transportation*) [cite: 1].
- **Negatives:** Formed with *didn't use to* (e.g., *Modern trains didn't use to exist*) [cite: 1].