


Title:	Pay-parking	Level: lower
Text:	<p>Noriko was disappointed to find that a popular park she often visits in the week, which used to be busy, is now deserted.</p> <p>The reason it has changed, she thinks, is the conversion to pay-parking. Now, if you want to use the car park, you are charged per hour.</p> <p>The decision was probably taken for a number of reasons, such as to discourage people who don't use the park itself from taking spaces intended for genuine users.</p> <p>The park local to our English school also used to have a free car park, however, it was used by drivers who worked nearby and simply wanted to save money.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the result was that sports team users couldn't park in the late afternoons, making the park unusable.</p>	
Discussion:	Do you think pay-parking is necessary at hospitals?	
Words and usage:	<p>'Used to + verb'</p> <p>This phrase is used to describe a repeated activity that happened in the past, which has now finished.</p> <p>For example, 'I used to live in England, but now I live in Japan.' It can only be used in the simple past tense.</p> <p>The question form is 'Did you use to.....?'</p>	
Resources:	<p>https://translate.weblio.jp</p> <p>Oxford Dictionaries. http://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com</p> <p>The British Council website. https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org</p>	
Practice idea:	Write about five things that you used to do, but gave up, and say why.	
Listening link:	<p>Pay-parking - audio</p> 	
Quiz Me! Conversation card:	<p>Available at englishbooks.jp, Amazon and Rakuten</p>	