

USED TO – Past Habits and Past States

Extended Practice Worksheet (with Answer Key)

This worksheet helps you practise **used to** to talk about things that were true in the past but are not true now. It also practises the difference between **used to**, **past simple**, and **would**.

Quick Reminder

- **used to + base verb** → past habits and past states that are no longer true
- **didn't use to + base verb** → negative form
- **Did + subject + use to + base verb?** → question form
- **would** → for repeated actions in the past (not for states)

Exercise 1 – Choose the correct form

Complete the sentences using **used to** or **didn't use to**.

1. I _____ (like) vegetables, but now I eat them every day.
2. She _____ (live) near here, but she moved to another city.
3. We _____ (go) there every summer when we were children.
4. He _____ (drink) coffee, but now he can't live without it.
5. They _____ (be) very shy at school.
6. My brother _____ (play) video games all the time.
7. I _____ (hate) getting up early, but now I'm used to it.
8. This street _____ (look) very different ten years ago.

Exercise 2 – Rewrite the sentences using “used to”

Rewrite the sentences. Do not change the meaning.

1. I lived in a small village, but now I live in a big city.
2. She was very shy, but now she is confident.
3. We went to the same beach every summer when we were kids.
4. He had long hair, but now it is short.
5. They were close friends, but now they hardly ever talk.
6. My father worked as a taxi driver, but now he is retired.

Exercise 3 – Choose: used to, would, or past simple

Choose the best option: **used to**, **would**, or **past simple**.

1. When we were children, our grandma _____ read us stories every evening.
2. I _____ live in Paris, but I don't anymore.
3. He _____ be very strict when he was younger.
4. Every summer, we _____ go camping near the lake.
5. She _____ live there for ten years and then moved away.
6. My grandfather _____ tell us amazing stories about his life.

Exercise 4 – Correct the mistakes

Each sentence contains a mistake. Find it and correct it.

1. She didn't used to like cheese.
2. Did you used to live here?
3. I used to live there for five years.
4. He would be very shy when he was a child.
5. They used to went there every weekend.

Exercise 5 – Complete the text

Complete the text using **used to**, **didn't use to**, **would**, or **past simple**.

- When I was a child, I _____ live in a small town near the sea. Every summer, we _____ go to the beach almost every day.
- I _____ be afraid of the water, but my father taught me how to swim. We _____ spend hours in the sea.
- My life is very different now. I live in a big city and I don't have much free time anymore.

Exercise 6 – Write about yourself

Write 5 sentences about things you **used to** do or be in the past, but that are different now.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

ANSWER KEY

Exercise 1

1. didn't use to like
2. used to live
3. used to go
4. didn't use to drink
5. used to be
6. used to play
7. didn't use to hate
8. used to look

Exercise 2 (possible answers)

1. I used to live in a small village.
2. She used to be very shy.
3. We used to go to the same beach every summer.
4. He used to have long hair.
5. They used to be close friends.
6. My father used to work as a taxi driver.

Exercise 3

1. would
2. used to
3. used to
4. would / used to (both possible)
5. past simple (lived)
6. would

Exercise 4

1. She didn't use to like cheese.
2. Did you use to live here?
3. I lived there for five years.
4. He used to be very shy when he was a child.
5. They used to go there every weekend.

Exercise 5 (possible answers)

- When I was a child, I used to live in a small town near the sea. Every summer, we would go to the beach almost every day.
- I didn't use to be afraid of the water, but my father taught me how to swim. We would spend hours in the sea.
- My life is very different now. I live in a big city and I don't have much free time anymore.