



Talking About Past Habits in English

Used to • Would • Past Simple — Exercises

Complete the exercises. Choose the correct form: used to, would, or the past simple.

Exercise 1 – Choose the correct form

Complete the sentences with used to, would, or the past simple.

1. When I was a child, we _____ go camping every summer.
2. My sister _____ be very shy, but now she's very confident.
3. In the 90s, we _____ always spend our holidays by the sea.
4. My grandpa _____ tell us stories every evening.
5. I _____ hate vegetables, but now I love them.
6. When he lived in Spain, he _____ cycle to work every day.
7. We _____ live in a small flat near the river.
8. At university, I _____ usually study late at night.
9. Every winter, it _____ snow a lot in this area.
10. When I was little, my parents _____ read me bedtime stories.

Exercise 2 – Correct the mistakes

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

1. I would be very shy when I was a child.
2. Did you used to live in this house?
3. We used to go to the cinema yesterday.
4. My father would have a small shop in the village.
5. When we were kids, we would went swimming every day.
6. She used to loved chocolate when she was younger.



Exercise 3 – Rewrite using the word in brackets

Rewrite each sentence using the word in brackets.

1. When I was a child, I played outside every day. (would)
2. In the past, she was very impatient. (used to)
3. We went to the same café every Friday when we lived there. (would)
4. He didn't like coffee in the past. (used to)
5. My grandparents lived in the countryside. (used to)

Exercise 4 – Choose the best option

Choose the best answer.

1. When I was a student, I (used to / would / went) always sit in the front row.
2. My uncle (used to / would / was) very strict, but now he's relaxed.
3. Every summer, we (used to / would / went) spend a month by the sea.
4. She (used to / would / did) call me every Sunday when she lived abroad.
5. In those days, people (used to / would / did) not have smartphones.

Exercise 5 – Write about your past

Write 4–5 sentences about your life in the past. Use used to, would, and the past simple.



Answer Key

Exercise 1 (possible answers):

1 would / used to, 2 used to, 3 past simple, 4 would, 5 used to, 6 would, 7 used to, 8 past simple, 9 past simple, 10 would

Exercise 2:

1 I used to be..., 2 Did you use to..., 3 We went..., 4 My father used to have..., 5 we went swimming..., 6 She used to love...

Exercise 3 (sample answers):

1 When I was a child, I would play outside every day.

2 In the past, she used to be very impatient.

3 We would go to the same café every Friday when we lived there.

4 He used to dislike coffee.

5 My grandparents used to live in the countryside.

Exercise 4:

1 used to, 2 was, 3 would, 4 would, 5 used to