GRAMMAR

Past habits

Would and Used to

Listen and complete with the missing words.

When James was a student, his lifestyle was completely different. He didn't have a lot of money, so he _____ in cheap student cafeterias instead of restaurants. During the year, he _____ with his friends to student bars and have fun. It was the best time of his life.

In his third year, he studied abroad in Italy - he didn't have a lot of lectures, so he _____ late and go sightseeing.

However, in his final year, he _____ very often because he had a lot of exams. He _____ a lot of time in the library and he _____ his friends as much..

Complete the rules below with "would" or "used to":

_____ can be used to describe past habitual actions, likes/dislikes, states and opinions that are not true now.

_____ can only be used to describe past habitual actions NOT states and opinions.

Note: We normally start a story about a past habit with "used to" and then use "would" to describe actions:

I used to work in advertising; I would travel all over the world meeting different clients. On Fridays we would take the day off and go to a casino or a bar.

Complete with *would* or *used to*. If both are possible, use *would*.

I got my first job when I was 12 years old. I worked as a paperboy delivering newspapers to people in my village every morning. I _____ get up very early and deliver the papers to half of the village while my friend Ben _____ deliver to the other half. I _____ love seeing the empty streets of the village before anyone got up but I _____ hate the job on rainy days. I _____ sometimes ride my bike to get the job done faster. Ben was luckier than me, sometimes if he couldn't be bothered to do his paper round, his Dad _____ drive him around his route in his car!