

# 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!

## would vs used to