

Would and used to – past habits and repeated actions

Complete the sentences using the verb in brackets with the correct form of used to or would. If both used to and would are possible, use WOULD.

When I was a child we _____ (live) in a cabin in the mountains. Back then, we _____ (not have) much money; that's why we _____ (have) vegetables and chickens in our back garden. Every day we _____ (get up) very early and my father _____ (take) some eggs for breakfast. The weather in summer _____ (be) really nice. There was a lake near the house; we _____ (go) there to have a swim every morning. Later, in the afternoon my brothers and I _____ (go) fishing, and in the evening my mother _____ (cook) whatever we had caught. It was fantastic!

Winters _____ (be) rather cold. Every morning I _____ (go) to the woods to look for firewood; there _____ (be) a little fireplace in the house to keep us warm. In the evenings, my father _____ (tell) us incredible stories next to that fireplace, and we _____ (listen), full of admiration. We were poor, but we _____ (be) happy.