



# used to vs. would



When we talk about events, states, or habits that took place in the past and are not happening now, we use **used to** and **would**.

**Used to:** My father used to live in Paris.

- For actions and states
- Used with stative verbs
- Negative: didn't use to
- Questions: Did (he) use to
- Used more often



**Would:** We would visit my grandmother every summer when I was little.

- For an event that happened many times
- More formal
- Cannot be used with stative verbs
- No negative or question

Fill in the correct form of **used to** or **would**  
If both answers are possible- use **would**

1. Michael Jordan \_\_\_\_\_ live in Brooklyn, N.Y.
2. When he was young, he \_\_\_\_\_ often play basketball with his older brother.
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ (not) play only basketball- he played football and baseball too.
4. He really wanted to grow tall- so he \_\_\_\_\_ put salt in his shoes and pray. And it worked- he did grow tall!
5. When he was a child, he \_\_\_\_\_ often dream about winning an Olympic gold medal.
6. When Michael Jordan played in the NBA, there \_\_\_\_\_ (not) be 30 teams as there are today.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ cheer for Michael Jordan when he was a Chicago Bulls player?
8. Scottie Pippen is the youngest of 12 children and he \_\_\_\_\_ live in a small town in Arkansas.
9. When he was young, he \_\_\_\_\_ dream about making the winning shot in the 7<sup>th</sup> game of the NBA championship.-
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Scottie \_\_\_\_\_ play basketball very well? No, he didn't.
11. He was on his high school basketball team, but he \_\_\_\_\_ (not) play very much.
12. Pippen \_\_\_\_\_ be so skinny- he weighed 150 pounds or 68 kilos- no college offered him a scholarship..
13. So his coach found him as job as basketball team manager at the University of Central Arkansas where he \_\_\_\_\_ be in charge of equipment and laundry for the team.
14. He \_\_\_\_\_ (not/play) basketball very well- he \_\_\_\_\_ be on the reserve team.
15. Because many players quit the team, Pippen got a chance to play. He \_\_\_\_\_ score 4.3 points per game.
16. Not many people \_\_\_\_\_ watch his games. He was almost unknown.
17. Michael Jordan \_\_\_\_\_ always stick his tongue out when he was making a shot.
18. Jordan and Pippen \_\_\_\_\_ be called the greatest duo in basketball. Has any other duo taken their place yet?

