

ASSEMBLING MODELS

When I was a kid, I was crazy about airplanes. My dad did a lot of traveling for his job, so he **would bring** me back model kits from different airlines. I'd **assemble** them and paint them, and it was fun. My dad **was always showing** off my work to his friends, so I decided to get serious and make it a real hobby. Now I build my own models with engines that can really fly.



QUILTING

When I was young, my mom **was always collecting** old pieces of colorful cloth. At some point, she **would sew** them together into shapes, and then she **would combine** the shapes together to make a huge bed cover. I used to think it was embarrassing to have my friends come over and see all those pieces of cloth lying around. But today I'm really proud of the quilts my mom made.



PRACTICING A MARTIAL ART

When I was about eight, my friends were all learning martial arts. They'd **walk** past my house in their uniforms on their way to karate class, and I really wanted to join them. So I told my mom, and she agreed to let me. I've been practicing now for more than ten years. It's helped me to feel really confident physically.



GRAMMAR DESCRIBING PAST REPEATED OR HABITUAL ACTIONS

You can use **would** + a base form to describe past repeated or habitual actions.

When I was a kid, my mom **would sew** pieces of cloth together to make quilts.
Every weekend, I **would walk** around the neighborhood and take photos.

You can also use the past continuous with the frequency adverb **always** to describe a past habitual action.

Our grandfather **was always fixing** things in his garage.
We **were always taking care of** other people's pets.

Remember: You can also use **used to** + a base form to describe past habitual actions that are no longer true.

My mom **used to make** quilts. [But she doesn't anymore.]
I **used to love** assembling model cars. [But I don't have the time now.]



Which hobby is the most appealing to you? Explain your reasons

Select the sentence that cannot be rewritten using **would** for past repeated or habitual actions.

- ☐ 1 Nick used to like everything about going to school.
- ☐ 2 My brother used to collect soda cans when we were kids.
- ☐ 3 We used to visit antique stores to look for beautiful old things.
- ☐ 4 The prices of the model cars I liked the best used to be astronomical.
- ☐ 5 My family used to live next door to a karate school.
- ☐ 6 When Jan first started her new job, she used to immerse herself in her work.
- ☐ 7 When I was a teenager, I used to seek excitement by taking risks.