

Both **used to** and **would** are used to express past habits which are no longer true.



Do not confuse **would** when it is a conditional tense. You will distinguish whether it is conditional or a past habit thanks to the context.

USED TO	WOULD
Affirmative: He <u>used to</u> ride his horse Negative: He..... ride is horse Interrogativeride his horse?	Affirmative: Last year he <u>would</u> ride his horse Negative: Last year he.....ride his horse Interrogative:his horse last year? However, both negative and interrogative forms are <u>not</u> very common
Used to talk about past habits, states and past opinions. I used to go swimming (habit) As a child, I didn't like eating meat (state) When I was younger, I used to believe I was always right (opinion)	Used to talk about past habits, only for repeated actions. So, it is NOT used for states or opinion verbs I would go swimming (repeatedly) As a child, I would ride a bike every day (repeatedly) As a child, I wouldn't like eating meat (It is not a repeated action)



Are these sentences correct? Write **C** (correct) or **I** (incorrect)

Every Saturday I would go on a long bike ride.

My dad would read me amazing stories every night.

We used to go to the same beach every summer.

When I was a kid, I would like chocolate; now I don't.

There didn't use to be a supermarket here. When did it open?

Rephrasing. Rephrasing means we have different ways to express the same ideas.

Example: When I was a kid, I used to go to the park.

= When I was a kid, I would go to the park.

= When I was a kid, I **usually** went to the park

(we can use frequency adverbs: normally, often, sometimes, every day, once a week,...)

Rephrase the following sentences

She used to smoke when she was a teen, but she gave it up a few years ago

= She smoke when she was a teen, but she gave it up a few years ago (1 word)

= She when she was a teen, but she gave it up a few years ago (2 words)

They would eat fruit every day in the afternoon

= They fruit every day in the afternoon (3 words)

= They fruit every day in the afternoon (2 words)

Choose the correct answer. Write a, b, c, d, e or f.

Think carefully; some of the sentences might be tricky.

1. I ... a really sporty person

A.would be

B.used to be

C.both

2. In my first year at university, I ... run for an hour every morning before breakfast

A.would

B.used to

C.usually

D.both a and b are correct answers

E. a, b and c are correct

3. Then I ... the university boxing team and I really started to train hard

A.would join

B.used to join

C.joined

D.there are two correct answers

4. During the time I was working as a secretary, I ... spend all my evenings practicing typing.

A.would like to

B.used to like to

C.usually

5. Moving to a small village ... my life forever

A.would change

B.used to change

C.changed

D.usually changed

6. When I was a professional athlete, I ... lots of protein for breakfast

A.would eat

B.used to eat

C.ate

D.usually ate

E. only a and b are correct

F .a, b, c and d are correct

7. I ... sugar in my coffee

A.wouldn't have

B.didn't used to have

C. Did not use to have

D.didn't have

E. a and b are correct

F. c and d are correct

G. a, c and d are correct

8. I still remember the day I ... my ankle

A. would break

B.used to break

C.broke

D.usually broke