

Different uses of WOULD

1) Match

- 1 *I'd sit at the top of our steps and watch the world go by.*
- 2 *The landlord **wouldn't** listen.*
- 3 *My father said we **would** all have our own rooms one day.*
- 4 *We'd moved to the city so that my father **wouldn't** become a cripple.*
- 5 *We'd have moved to a different area if we'd been able to afford it.*
- 6 ***Would** you shut the window, please?*
- 7 *I wish they **wouldn't** make so much noise at night.*

- a) polite request
- b) recurring situation in the past
- c) past purpose/reason (often used after *so that*)
- d) imagined situation in the past or a possibility in the past that didn't happen
- e) strong desire for something (annoying) to change
- f) a reported past intention/expectation
- g) refusal

2) Complete the sentences with a comment containing WOULD or WOULDN'T

- 1 Hello, you like to follow me? I'll show you to your room.
- 2 I have much more time to do my work if you looked after the kids a little more often.
- 3 When we were alone at home, we always cook for ourselves.
- 4 He never help me with my homework.
- 5 If only he answer the phone, I could explain what happened.
- 6 She have loved to see her grandchildren grow up.
- 7 We hid the parcel in the cupboard so that she notice it.
- 8 Her parents pay for her to go to university as they didn't believe in education for girls.