

## Narrative tenses, used to, would

**Fill in the gaps with the verbs in brackets in the correct verb tense or form. Use would/used to in a couple of gaps.**

A long time ago, my first wife and I \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to go on a trip to London for a few days. Before the trip, we were very excited because

we \_\_\_\_\_ (never/be) to London before.

We \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to visit Miguel, a close friend

who \_\_\_\_\_ (move) to Britain for work and

who \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in London for a couple of months. He was very homesick because he still \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) any friends in England, and Laura and

I \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to pay him a visit to cheer him up a bit. However, Miguel \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) us we had to stay in a hotel, because he \_\_\_\_\_ (rent) a room in a shared flat and we couldn't stay in his home.

Back then, when my ex-wife and I travelled anywhere,

we \_\_\_\_\_ (book) hotel rooms well in advance, and

we \_\_\_\_\_ (check) hotel reviews on TripAdvisor

every time, but this time we \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very busy the weeks before the trip so a few days before the trip,

we \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) that we would look for a hotel once in London. Unfortunately, hotel rooms in London are quite popular in August, and several hours after our arrival in the big capital we

still \_\_\_\_\_ (not find) a room in any affordable place.

Eventually we \_\_\_\_\_ (find) a hotel which, surprisingly, was well located and not very expensive. But we

soon \_\_\_\_\_ (discover) why there were available rooms in that so well-located hotel. To start with, the room number was a scribble written on a sheet of paper that someone \_\_\_\_\_ (hang) on the door with sellotape, and once you were in, the room was dirty and horribly smelly. It looked as if nobody \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) it for ages. In the bathroom there

was no mirror, the toilet was clogged and there were lots of hairs in the basin. It was so disgusting that we \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to pay for a much more expensive room in a much less well-located hotel and we \_\_\_\_\_ (end up) as depressed as our good friend Miguel.