

Grammar

**will and would for habits;
I wish he would**

1 Choose the correct alternatives.



How times change!

I have a brother, Ben, who's a few years younger than me. When I was young, he ¹ *will/would* drive me crazy. He ² *d/'ll* do everything he could to annoy me. I think he just wanted attention, but I ³ *didn't/wouldn't* realise it at the time. One thing in particular that ⁴ *used/wish* to irritate me was when he took things of mine and hid them so I had to spend hours looking for them. He ⁵ *thought/would think* that was hilarious. These days, though, trying to get his attention is impossible! He ⁶ *would/will* ignore my messages for weeks before he finally replies, and when he does get back to me, he gives really short answers. I know he loves me and that he's busy, but I wish he ⁷ *d/'ll* be a bit more like he ⁸ *used to/would be*. So James, call me!

2 Make sentences from the prompts using **would (not)** or **will (not)**.

- I / often / take a trip to the coast in summer.

- Ben / never / go out / without / girlfriend / these days.

- I wish / Katja / stop / make / that awful noise.

- We / often / go to the shops after school / but we / never / buy anything.

- When / we / young / we / regularly / visit our grandparents.

- In the past, / Anna / never / come round / without / call / first.

3 Complete the text with phrases a–g below.

When I was young, I ¹ _____ because I was tall, skinny and really uncoordinated. I particularly hated competitive team games because I ² _____ in matches and feel stupid. However, I eventually grew into my body and at the age of 25, started to get interested in sports. I ³ _____ twice a week to work out, and even joined a basketball club. My height was finally handy! Now, at the age of 33, I ⁴ _____ to go running, and I ⁵ _____ when I have the chance to get in a pool. In fact, I ⁶ _____. My wife ⁷ _____ with keeping fit. She thinks I make her look bad.

- 'd always let my team mates down
- 'll go swimming
- 'll regularly get up early
- won't go a day without some kind of exercise
- 'd never do any exercise
- wishes I'd stop being so obsessed
- 'd go to the gym

Vocabulary

Describing people and their habits

4 Complete the definitions with the words in the box.

controlling cynical demanding liberal modest smooth

- If you're _____, you try to make people do things.
- If you're _____, you don't talk about your abilities.
- If you're a _____ talker, you're persuasive but maybe insincere.
- If you're _____, you're unwilling to believe that people can be good and honest.
- If you're _____, you expect attention and/or things done in a certain way.
- If you're _____, you're willing to understand other people's ideas and opinions.

5 Complete the word in each conversation. The first letter is given.

- A: Go on, you'll love babysitting. You know how good you are with the kids and they really love their Auntie.
B: Oh, you're so **s**_____. You always say the right things. OK, I'll do it.
- A: I never know if Mohammed is being funny or not.
B: I know! He's got such a dry **s**_____ of humour.
- A: I can't believe I have to wear a stupid costume at the party. Why can't we just go in our normal clothes?
B: Oh come on, I _____ up. It's just a bit of fun.
- A: Are you happy?
B: I think so. I'm certainly **c**_____ with everything.
- A: I think you'll like Brian. He's very **c**_____.
B: Yes, I've heard he's very easy to like.
- A: I've never known such a **d**_____ boss.
B: Me neither. He has me working all hours.