

UNIT 1. PAST TENSES

EXTRA EXERCISE

used to – be/get used to – would – was going to

- *used to* expresses past habits and permanent states.
(Note that stative verbs are not used with "would")
When I was young, I used to go climbing once a month.
(also: *would go*) *He used to live in Paris.* (NOT: *would – state*)
- *be/get used to* (+ -ing form/noun/pronoun) means "be/get accustomed to", "be/get in the habit of".
She got used to living in London.
- *would* expresses past repeated actions and routines – not states.
When I was a child, I would go to the cinema every Sunday. (also: *I used to go .../I went ...*)
- *was going to* expresses actions one intended to do, but didn't do.
He was going to buy a house in New York, but then he decided to move to Los Angeles.

Complete the sentences using the words in bold. Use two to five words.

1. Anna played the piano when she was younger. **PLAY**

=> Anna _____ the piano when she was younger.

2. It was my plan to meet you at the station, but I missed the train. **MEET**

=> I _____ you at the station, but I missed the train.

3. Staying up late is something I find difficult. **USED**

=> I _____ up late.

4. As a child, he always helped his father on the farm. **WOULD**

=> When he was a child, h_____ his father on the farm.

5. Lisa didn't like the idea of waking up early, but eventually she accepted it. **GOT**

=> Lisa _____ up early.

6. Peter visited his cousins every summer holiday. **USED**

=> Peter _____ his cousins every summer.

7. I intended to call you after dinner but I forgot. **GOING**

=> I _____ you after dinner but I forgot.

8. They don't usually walk long distances, so they're tired. **USED**

=> They _____ long distances.

9. When I was a teenager, I often read until midnight. **WOULD**

=> I _____ until midnight when I was a teenager.

10. Sarah didn't like her new school at first, but now she's okay with it. **GOT**

=> Sarah _____ her new school.