

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



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