

Language Tip – Used to/Would

We can use 'used to' and 'would' when we are talking about habits in the past. 'Would' is more formal than 'used to'.

We can also use the past simple, however it is not clear that the action is repeated.

In the article:

When I was a child my mum **would give** us lemon and honey

She also **used to give** us balls of butter coated in sugar!

My grandmother **would prescribe** hot lemon and honey

My grandmother **used to** prescribe hot tea, lemon juice and whiskey

Correct or Incorrect?

These days I used to work from home instead of going to the office

When I was young, I would take the bus to school every day

We would live in the United States, however we had to move house

When my parents were kids, they used to read in their free time

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