

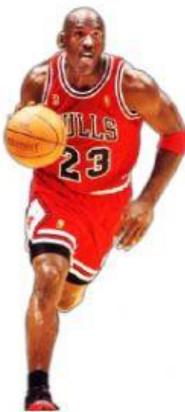
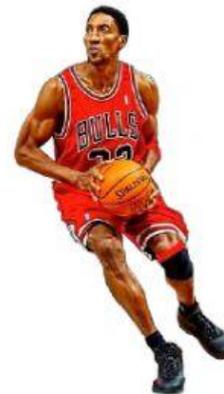


USED TO VS WOULD

When we talk about events, states, or habits that took place in the past and are not happening now, we use **used to** and **would**.

Guideline: Fill in the correct form of **used to** or **would**. If both answers are possible, then use **would**.

1. Michael Jordan _____ live in Brooklyn, N.Y. When he was young. He _____ often play basketball with his older brother.
2. He _____ (not) play only basketball- he played football and baseball too.
3. He really wanted to grow tall- so he _____ put salt in his shoes and pray. And it worked- he did grow tall!
4. When he was a child, he _____ often dream about winning an Olympic gold medal.
5. When Michael Jordan played in the NBA, there _____ (not) be 30 teams as there are today.
6. _____ you _____ cheer for Michael Jordan when he was a Chicago Bulls player?
7. Scottie Pippen is the youngest of 12 children and he _____ live in a small town in Arkansas.
8. When he was young, he _____ dream about making the winning shot in the 7th game of the NBA championship.
9. _____ Scottie play basketball very well? No, he didn't.
10. He was on his high school basketball team, but he _____ (not) play very much.
11. Pippen _____ be so skinny. He weighed 150 pounds or 68 kilos. No college offered him a scholarship.
12. So, his coach found him a job as basketball team manager at the University of Central Arkansas where he _____ be in charge of equipment and laundry for the team.





13. He _____ (not) play basketball very well. He _____ on the reserve teams.
14. Because many players quit the team, Pippen got a chance to play and killed it. He _____ score 4.3 points per game. Amazing!
15. Not many people _____ watch his games. He was almost unknown until that moment.
16. Michael Jordan _____ always stick his tongue out when he was making a shot. After a couple of years in the NBA he explained that it allowed him to get more engaged while shooting.
17. Jordan and Pippen _____ be called the greatest duo in basketball and any other duo taken their place yet.



Grammar bite!

Used to and **would** are both use to describe something that happened regularly in the past but doesn't happen any longer, However, there are two important differences between them. The first difference is that "**would**" cannot be used unless it has already been established that the time frame is in the past, while used to does not require this. This example, with used to at the beginning, sounds natural:

 I **used to** watch cartoons every Saturday morning. Now, I rarely ever watch TV.

While using would in the same example becomes awkward and ungrammatical:

 I **would** watch cartoons every Saturday morning when *I was very little*. Now I rarely watch TV. (*It's necessary to emphasize in the timeline...*)

The second difference is that "**would**" is never used with stative verbs such as *love, like, be, understand, feel, know, believe, think, weigh, have, include, belong, etc...*

 When I was a student, I **used to** love sleeping late on the weekends. (Natural and grammatical)

 When I was a student, I **would** love sleeping late on weekends. (Awkward and ungrammatical)