

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.