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## Mini Lesson 052 - The Use of 'Used To' vs. 'Would'

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### Explanation:

Both \*used to\* and \*would\* are used to talk about past habits or repeated actions, but they have different uses and forms.

### 1. Used To:

- \*Used to\* is used to talk about past habits or states that are no longer true in the present. It can be used with both actions and states.

- Structure: \*Subject + used to + base form of the verb\*

- Example: \*I used to play soccer every weekend.\* (I no longer play soccer every weekend.)

- Example (state): \*She used to be very shy.\* (She is no longer shy.)

### 2. Would:

- \*Would\* is used to talk about repeated actions or habits in the past, but not states. It is often used when the past time is already clear in the context.

- Structure: \*Subject + would + base form of the verb\*

- Example: \*Every summer, we would visit our grandparents.\* (It was a repeated action.)

- \*Would\* cannot be used with stative verbs (e.g., be, love, know, believe).

### Key Differences:

- \*Used to\* can be used for both actions and states.

- \*Would\* can only be used for actions and cannot be used with states.





## Exercises:

### Section 1: Fill in the Blanks

Complete the sentences with either \*used to\* or \*would\*.

1. When I was a child, we \_\_\_\_\_ go to the park every Saturday.
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ live in the city, but now she lives in the countryside.
3. My grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ tell us stories about his childhood every evening.
4. We \_\_\_\_\_ spend hours playing video games during summer vacation.
5. They \_\_\_\_\_ have a dog, but it ran away years ago.
6. When I was in high school, I \_\_\_\_\_ walk to school every day.
7. He \_\_\_\_\_ be very disorganized, but now he's quite responsible.

### Section 2: Choose the Correct Option

Choose \*used to\* or \*would\* to complete each sentence correctly.

1. When we were kids, we \_\_\_\_\_ (used to/would) build forts in the backyard.
2. My parents \_\_\_\_\_ (used to/would) have a big garden when I was little.
3. On weekends, my father \_\_\_\_\_ (used to/would) take us fishing at the lake.
4. She \_\_\_\_\_ (used to/would) be much quieter than she is now.
5. We \_\_\_\_\_ (used to/would) spend hours watching TV after school.

### Section 3: Rewrite the Sentences

Rewrite the following sentences using \*used to\* or \*would\* to express past habits.

1. I don't play basketball anymore, but I played every weekend in high school.
2. She's no longer a vegetarian, but in college, she was.
3. Every winter, we went skiing with our family.
4. He had a motorbike, but now he drives a car.
5. We ate ice cream every Friday when we were kids.





#### **Section 4: Correct the Mistakes**

Find and correct the mistakes in the following sentences.

1. I would be shy when I was younger, but now I'm very outgoing.
2. She would to go swimming every morning during the summer.
3. We used to play cards every weekend, and we would loving it.
4. They used to visit their grandparents every year, and they would stayed for a month.
5. He would used to wake up early to go running before work.





**Answers:**

**Section 1:**

1. When I was a child, we *\*would\** go to the park every Saturday.
2. She *\*used to\** live in the city, but now she lives in the countryside.
3. My grandfather *\*would\** tell us stories about his childhood every evening.
4. We *\*would\** spend hours playing video games during summer vacation.
5. They *\*used to\** have a dog, but it ran away years ago.
6. When I was in high school, I *\*used to\** walk to school every day.
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**Section 2:**

1. When we were kids, we *\*would\** build forts in the backyard.
2. My parents *\*used to\** have a big garden when I was little.
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4. She *\*used to\** be much quieter than she is now.
5. We *\*would\** spend hours watching TV after school.

**Section 3:**

1. I *\*used to\** play basketball every weekend in high school.
2. She *\*used to\** be a vegetarian in college.
3. Every winter, we *\*would\** go skiing with our family.
4. He *\*used to\** have a motorbike, but now he drives a car.
5. We *\*would\** eat ice cream every Friday when we were kids.

**Section 4:**

1. I *\*used to\** be shy when I was younger, but now I'm very outgoing.
2. She *\*used to\** go swimming every morning during the summer.
3. We used to play cards every weekend, and we *\*would love\** it.
4. They used to visit their grandparents every year, and they *\*would stay\** for a month.
5. He *\*used to\** wake up early to go running before work.

