

used to / would + infinitive

used to + infinitive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ It is used to talk about states, situations as well as actions. <i>It used to be very dark at that time in the morning.</i> ◆ It is used to contrast with the present: <i>I used to go swimming a lot. (But I don't now)</i> <p>Watch out! With the negative and the question it's 'use' and not 'used':</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Did you use to be a teacher?</i> • <i>She didn't use to like chocolate, but she does now.</i>
Would + infinitive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ This is used to describe repeated actions, not states. It describes a habitual activity which was typical of a person. <i>Every week he used to / would buy his mother a bunch of flowers.</i> <i>He used to have a house in the country. He would have a house.....</i> <p>☞ If the habit is not repeated it is better used to.</p>
<p>☞ Used to and would can be used to talk about past habits:</p> <p><i>When I was young I used to go fishing with my father every summer.</i> <i>When I was young I would go fishing with my father every summer.</i></p> <p>Would is only used for repeated actions, not for states. Don't use it with non-action verbs. <i>He used to / would have a beard. He used to / would be a bit overweight.</i></p> <p>☞ <i>Be careful! Don't use used to or would + infinitive when we give precise information about how long a state or a habit lasted. It is used the past simple instead.</i> <i>I used to smoke for five years. I smoked for five years.</i></p>	

✂ Complete these sentences with **used to** or **would**. Think which sentences are interchangeable.

1. When I was a child, I _____ get up early and go down to the sea for a swim.
2. My friend _____ find English difficult and _____ ask me to help him, but now he finds it much easier.
3. We _____ live in the country. Every spring the fields _____ be covered in flowers.
4. When we _____ go camping my father _____ do the cooking and _____ do the shopping.
5. Not many people go these days, but I remember that some years ago cinemas _____ be full on a Saturday evening.
6. When my father _____ work in London, he _____ get up at six o'clock every morning and _____ (not) get back until eight in the evening.
7. I liked working in London a lot. I _____ go shopping in my lunch hour and to the cinema after work.
8. Whenever Arthur was angry, he _____ walk out of the room.

Used to + Infinitive / would + infinitive

If it's possible, make a sentence with 'would + infinitive'. If it's not possible, use

'used to + infinitive':

1. I / have short hair when I was a teenager.

2. We / go to the same little café for lunch every day when I was a student.

3. She / love playing badminton before she hurt her shoulder.

4. He / walk along the beach every evening before bed.

5. I / always lose when I played chess with my father.

6. She / be able to dance very well.

7. My grandfather / drink a cup of coffee after dinner every night.

8. Luke / not have a car.

9. We / live in Brazil.

10. My family / often go to the countryside for the weekend when I was young.
