

Used To and Would – Worksheet 1

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Exercise 1: Form of used to

Complete the sentences with the correct form of used to and the verb in brackets.

Example: My uncle ____ (drive) a taxi. → used to drive

1. When I was a child, I _____ (play) football in the street every day.
2. My sister _____ (not / like) cheese, but now she eats it all the time.
3. _____ (you / have) a pet when you were young?
4. This building _____ (be) a cinema. Now it's a supermarket.
5. We _____ (not / go) abroad on holiday when I was a kid.
6. Where _____ (your parents / work) before they retired?
7. Marco _____ (wear) glasses, but now he wears contact lenses.
8. _____ (Anna / walk) to school, or did she take the bus?

Exercise 2: Used to or would?

Complete the sentences with words from the box. You can use words more than once. Two words are not needed.

Example: We ____ live in a house with a big garden. → used to

WORD BOX

used to would use to didn't use to Did uses to was used to

9. I _____ have long hair when I was a teenager.
10. On Sundays, my grandmother _____ tell us stories by the fire.
11. _____ your brother use to play the guitar?
12. They _____ live in a small flat in the city centre.
13. I didn't _____ enjoy maths at school.
14. Every evening after dinner, we _____ go for a walk along the beach.
15. Lena _____ know how to swim until she was twelve.
16. My dad _____ believe in ghosts, but he doesn't anymore.

Exercise 3: Find and correct the mistake

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.

Example: She used to played the piano. → She used to play the piano.

17. I use to live in Madrid when I was a student.

18. Did you used to play tennis?

19. She didn't used to drink coffee.

20. We would have a dog called Max.

21. My father used to working in a bank.

22. When I was a child, I would to visit my aunt every summer.

23. Tom would be very shy at school.

24. There used to being a park here.

Exercise 4: Rewrite the sentences

Rewrite each sentence using the word in brackets. Keep the meaning the same and leave out 'in the past'.

Example: In the past, Lucy cycled to work. (used to) → Lucy used to cycle to work.

25. In the past, Jack smoked. (used to)

26. In the past, Maria didn't eat meat. (use)

27. Was there a library in this street in the past? (use)

28. Every summer we went camping in the mountains. (would)

29. In the past, Sam had a lot of free time. (used to)

30. Did you go to the same school as your cousin in the past? (use)

31. My mum always sang to me at bedtime when I was little. (would)

Exercise 5: Put the words in order

Put the words in the correct order to make sentences or questions.

Example: used / he / to / tall / be / not / very → no example needed; start with the subject.

32. used / I / to / in / live / a / village

33. you / did / use / play / to / chess

34. didn't / we / to / use / television / a / have

35. would / every / my / morning / us / wake / grandfather / early

36. there / to / be / used / a / here / bakery

37. where / your / did / family / use / to / live

38. sister / my / to / shy / be / used / very

Answer key – Used To and Would – Worksheet 1

Exercise 1: Form of used to

1. **used to play**
Positive form: used to + base verb.
2. **didn't use to like**
Negative form: didn't + use to + base verb (no -d after did).
3. **Did you use to have**
Question form: Did + subject + use to + base verb.
4. **used to be**
Used to describes a past state that is no longer true.
5. **didn't use to go**
In negatives we write use to, not used to, after didn't.
6. **did your parents use to work**
Wh- question: question word + did + subject + use to + base verb.
7. **used to wear**
Used to + base verb for something that was true in the past but not now.
8. **Did Anna use to walk**
Yes/no question: Did + subject + use to + base verb.

Exercise 2: Used to or would?

9. **used to**
Have (possession) is a state, so would is not possible.
10. **would**
The reviewer's answer 'would' is already accepted, because telling stories is a repeated past action and both 'would' and 'used to' are correct.
11. **Did**
Questions with use to start with Did.
12. **used to**
Live is a state here, so we use used to, not would.
13. **use to**
After didn't we use the base form use to.
14. **would**
The reviewer's answer 'would' is already accepted, because a repeated past action can take either 'would' or 'used to'.
15. **didn't use to**
Know is a state verb, and the meaning is negative, so we need didn't use to.
16. **used to**
Believe is a state verb, so would is not possible.

Exercise 3: Find and correct the mistake

17. **I used to live in Madrid when I was a student.**
In positive sentences we write used to, with -d.
18. **Did you use to play tennis?**
After did we use the base form use to.
19. **She didn't use to drink coffee.**
After didn't we use use to, not used to.
20. **We used to have a dog called Max.**
Have (possession) is a state, so we must use used to, not would.
21. **My father used to work in a bank.**
Used to is followed by the base form of the verb, not the -ing form.
22. **When I was a child, I would visit my aunt every summer.**
Would is followed by the base verb without to.
23. **Tom used to be very shy at school.**
Be is a state verb, so we use used to, not would.
24. **There used to be a park here.**
Used to is followed by the base form be.

Exercise 4: Rewrite the sentences

25. **Jack used to smoke.**
Used to + base verb for a past habit that has stopped.
26. **Maria didn't use to eat meat.**
Negative: didn't use to + base verb.
27. **Did there use to be a library in this street?**
Question with there: Did there use to be...?
28. **Every summer we would go camping in the mountains.**
Would + base verb for a repeated past action.
29. **Sam used to have a lot of free time.**
Have is a state, so used to is the right choice.
30. **Did you use to go to the same school as your cousin?**
Question: Did + subject + use to + base verb.
31. **My mum would always sing to me at bedtime when I was little.**
Would + base verb; adverbs like always go after would.

Exercise 5: Put the words in order

32. I used to live in a village.

Subject + used to + base verb.

33. Did you use to play chess?

Question: Did + subject + use to + verb.

34. We didn't use to have a television.

Negative: subject + didn't use to + verb.

35. My grandfather would wake us early every morning.

The reviewer's sentence is already accepted, as it correctly uses subject + would + base verb for a repeated past action.

36. There used to be a bakery here.

There used to be... describes something that existed in the past.

37. Where did your family use to live?

Wh- question: question word + did + subject + use to + verb.

38. My sister used to be very shy.

Used to + be for a past state.

Notes for teachers: Start with a quick timeline showing that used to and would describe things that happened regularly in the past but not now. Point out that would is only for repeated actions, never for states such as be, have, live, like or believe. Learners often write 'didn't used to' or 'did you used to'. Remind them that after did/didn't we use the base form 'use to'. As a follow-up, ask learners to write a short paragraph about their childhood using at least three sentences with used to and two with would.