

Would or used to

1 Complete with "would" or "used to" and the verb.

- 1 When I was a kid, my uncle would take (take) us to baseball games.
- 2 We used to have (have) a big dog named Max.
- 3 She used to be (be) really shy in high school.
- 4 Every Friday, my dad would bring (bring) home pizza.
- 5 My parents used to own (own) a small restaurant.
- 6 In college, we would stay (stay) up all night talking.
- 7 I used to know (know) every song on that album.
- 8 Every morning, my mom would sing (sing) in the kitchen.
- 9 This town used to be (be) much smaller.
- 10 I used to love (love) cartoons as a kid.

2 Complete with "would", "used to" or the Past Simple.

- 1 Every summer we would drive (drive) to the beach. One year, the car broke (break) down on the way.
- 2 When I lived in Boston, I would walk (walk) to work every day. Once I got (get) caught in a snowstorm.
- 3 I met (meet) my husband at a friend's wedding in 2012.
- 4 In high school, we would eat (eat) lunch in the parking lot.
- 5 We moved (move) to Denver three years ago.
- 6 My old boss would send (send) emails at midnight.
- 7 Yesterday I found (find) my old diary in the attic.
- 8 When we were kids, my brother and I would fight (fight) all the time.
- 9 Last weekend we visited (visit) the town where I grew up.

3 Circle the correct option.

- 1 We _____ a house by the lake, but we sold it.
would have / used to have / would had
- 2 My mom _____ really strict when I was a teenager.
would be / used to be / use to be

3 Circle the correct option.

- 3 On Saturday mornings, my dad _____ pancakes for everyone.
☐ would make / ☐ would made / ☐ was used to make
- 5 She _____ in Seattle before she moved here.
☐ would live / ☒ used to live / ☐ would lived
- 7 Every night, my grandpa _____ the same old story.
☒ would tell / ☐ would told / ☐ used to telling
- 9 We _____ to Spain only once, in 2019.
☐ used to go / ☐ would go / ☒ went
- 4 I _____ my first job in 2010.
☐ would get / ☐ used to get / ☒ got
- 6 Did you _____ like vegetables when you were little? ☒ use to / ☐ used to / ☐ would
- 8 I _____ that guy. We were in the same class.
☐ would know / ☒ used to know / ☐ would knew

4 Choose the correct sentence.

- 1 a) I would have a lot of friends in college.
 b) ☒ I used to have a lot of friends in college.
 c) I would had a lot of friends in college.
- 2 a) ☒ When I was a kid, we would play outside until dark.
 b) ☐ When I was a kid, we would played outside until dark.
 c) ☐ When I was a kid, we use to played outside until dark.
- 3 a) ☐ He would be my best friend in high school.
 b) ☒ He used to be my best friend in high school.
 c) ☐ He would been my best friend in high school.
- 4 a) ☐ We used to win the championship in 2016.
 b) ☐ We would win the championship in 2016.
 c) ☒ We won the championship in 2016.
- 5 a) ☐ She would live in an old farmhouse.
 b) ☒ She used to live in an old farmhouse.
 c) ☐ She would lived in an old farmhouse.

4 Choose the correct sentence.

6 a)

Every winter, we would go skiing in Colorado.

b)

Every winter, we would went skiing in Colorado.

c)

Every winter, we use to go skiing in Colorado.

5 Put the words in order.

1 bed / dad / would / read / to / me / my / before / .

My dad would read to me before bed.

2 have / we / used / to / dog / a / .

We used to have a dog.

3 my / sing / mom / would / always / car / in / the / .

My mom would always sing in the car.

4 used / shy / I / very / to / be / .

I used to be very shy.

5 swim / we / would / every / lake / day / in / the / .

We would swim in the lake every day.

6 own / parents / to / my / a / used / store / .

My parents used to own a store.

7 in / best / I / friend / 2010 / my / met / .

I met my best friend in 2010.

8 grandpa / me / my / fishing / take / would / .

My grandpa would take me fishing.

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Answer key

6 Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.

1 We would had a lot of fun in college.

We would have a lot of fun in college.

2 My dad would took us to the zoo.

My dad would take us to the zoo.

3 I use to live near the ocean.

I used to live near the ocean.

4 He would have long curly hair.

He always had long curly hair.

5 Back then we would live in a tiny apartment.

Back then we all lived in a tiny apartment.

6 Last summer we would go to Italy.

Last summer we finally went to Italy.

7 Every Sunday, my mom would making soup.

Every Sunday, my mom would make soup.

8 I would love horses when I was little.

I really loved horses when I was little.

9 In college, I would to work at a coffee shop on weekends.

In college, I used to work at a coffee shop on weekends.

YOUR LIFE

7 Write about your childhood.

I USED TO...

EVERY SUMMER WE WOULD...

Answers will vary.