

## Used to and Would – Past Habits – Worksheet 2 – ANSWERS

### Exercise 1: Gap Fill – Used to & Would (Answers in Bold)

1. When I was younger, I **used to play/would play** outside every evening until it got dark. ✓ (Both work for a repeated action.)
  2. My grandfather **used to tell/would tell** us stories about his childhood whenever we visited. ✓ (Both work for a repeated action.)
  3. We **used to go/would go** to the same café every Sunday morning when I lived in Paris. ✓ (Both work for habitual actions.)
  4. She **used to be** very shy, but now she is much more confident. ✓ (Only "used to" works because "be" is a state.)
  5. My dad **would always bring/used to always bring** me a small gift whenever he returned from a trip. ✓ (Both work because it describes a repeated action.)
  6. I **used to not like / didn't use to like** vegetables when I was little, but now I eat them all the time. ✓ (Only "used to" works because "like" is a state.)
  7. They **used to spend/would spend** their summers at their grandparents' house by the lake. ✓ (Both work for repeated past actions.)
  8. He **would often play/used to often play** the piano in the evenings when he was younger. ✓ (Both are possible.)
  9. Before I moved to the city, I **used to walk/would walk** to school every day. ✓ (Both work for repeated past actions.)
  10. When we were kids, we **used to make/would make** our own toys from whatever we could find. ✓ (Both work for repeated past actions.)
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## Exercise 2: Conversation Gap Fill – Used to & Would (Answers)

**Emily:** Hey Jake! Have you ever been back to your hometown?

**Jake:** Not for years! But I still remember what life was like when I was younger. We **used to spend/would spend** every summer at my grandparents' farm. ✓ (Both work for repeated past actions.)

**Emily:** That sounds nice! What did you do there?

**Jake:** Well, we **would wake up/used to wake up** early to help feed the animals. It was tiring but fun! ✓ (Both work for repeated past actions.)

**Emily:** I bet! What about school?

**Jake:** I **used to not like / didn't use to like** school very much when I was a kid, but now I enjoy learning new things. ✓ (Only "used to" works because "like" is a state.)

**Emily:** Same here! What else do you remember?

**Jake:** My best friend and I **used to play/would play** football in the park every afternoon. And on rainy days, we **would stay/used to stay** inside and play board games. ✓ (Both work for repeated past actions.)

**Emily:** Sounds like a great childhood.

**Jake:** It was! I really miss it sometimes.

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### Key Takeaways

#### ✓ Used to (+ verb):

- ✓ Describes **past states** (*used to be, used to have*).
- ✓ Describes **past habits or repeated actions** (*used to go, used to play*).
- ✓ Works in **affirmative, negative, and questions** (*Did you use to...?, I didn't use to...*).

#### ✓ Would (+ verb):

- ✓ Describes **repeated past actions** (*would always go, would often play*).
- ✓ Does **not** work with past states (\* ~~He would be~~ shy\* ✗ → *He used to be shy* ✓)