

## ***Used to vs. Would***



**A. Read the two sentences below. They both describe past situations and actions.**

1. There **used to** be a candy store on that corner. There's a restaurant there now.
2. When I was a kid, I **would** go to the candy store after school and buy a small bag of candy. I **would** usually eat it all before I got home.

*Used to* and *would* have similar meanings. Use *used to* + the simple form of a verb to talk about a past situation that no longer exists. Use *would* + the simple form of a verb to talk about a past action that was done repeatedly.

**B. Read each sentence below. Is it about a past situation that no longer exists? Or is it about a past action that was done many times? Write *used to* or *would* on the line.**

1. Maya \_\_\_\_\_ live in Miami, and her sister \_\_\_\_\_ live in London. Now they both live in Brussels.
2. I had two friends who wanted to be songwriters. Every time they wrote a new song, they \_\_\_\_\_ sing it for me. Then they \_\_\_\_\_ ask me for my opinion.
3. When I was a child, I \_\_\_\_\_ hate tomatoes. I \_\_\_\_\_ hate mushrooms, too. Now I like them both.
4. Irma \_\_\_\_\_ work the night shift, but now she works 9 AM to 4 PM.
5. We \_\_\_\_\_ have a dog named Fida. She died when she was 14—a long life for a German Shepherd.
6. When Maya lived in Florida, she \_\_\_\_\_ go to the beach every Saturday. She \_\_\_\_\_ pack a lunch, and sometimes she \_\_\_\_\_ stay the whole day. She \_\_\_\_\_ read on the beach and take walks along the ocean.

7. When I had a dog, I \_\_\_\_\_ take her for long walks almost every day. Sometimes we \_\_\_\_\_ walk for an hour or more.
8. Alex \_\_\_\_\_ study French. Now he's thinking about living in Mexico for a year, so he's studying Spanish instead.
9. Irma worked the night shift for years. She \_\_\_\_\_ start working at 11 PM. At 7 AM she \_\_\_\_\_ go home and get her kids ready for school. Then she \_\_\_\_\_ sleep until 2 PM.
10. I \_\_\_\_\_ have two friends who wanted to be songwriters. I'm not sure where they are now. Someone told me they're in Hollywood, writing music for movies.
11. When I was a child, I hated tomatoes and mushrooms. Whenever my mother made a dish with tomatoes or mushrooms in it, I \_\_\_\_\_ pick them out and push them to the side of my plate.
12. When Alex studied French, he had a good system for learning new words. He \_\_\_\_\_ write each new word on a small card. Then, on the back of the card, he \_\_\_\_\_ write the word in his language. He \_\_\_\_\_ also write a sentence using the new word. He had more than a thousand cards.

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#### Answer Key

1. used to, used to
2. would, would
3. used to, used to
4. used to
5. used to
6. would, would, would, would
7. would, would
8. used to
9. would, would, would
10. used to
11. would
12. would, would, would