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 **used to** live in Miami, and her sister **would** 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 **would** sing it for me. Then they **used to** ask me for my opinion.

3. When I was a child, I **would** hate tomatoes. I **used to** hate mushrooms, too. Now I like them both.

4. Irma **used to** work the night shift, but now she works 9 AM to 4 PM.

5. We **would** 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 **would** go to the beach every Saturday. She **used to** pack a lunch, and sometimes she **would** stay the whole day. She **used to** read on the beach and take walks along the ocean.
When I had a dog, I ___________________ take her for long walks almost every day. Sometimes we ___________________ walk for an hour or more.

Alex ___________________ study French. Now he's thinking about living in Mexico for a year, so he's studying Spanish instead.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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