

Past habit – used to

- 4 Complete the sentences with *used to* in the positive, negative, or question form.



- My grandfather never used to get out of breath when he climbed the stairs.
- There _____ be a beautiful old building where that car park is now.
- _____ have a Saturday job when you were at school?
- She _____ be so moody. It's only since she lost her job.
- _____ play cricket when you were at school?
- Julie _____ be as slim as she is now. She's been dieting.
- Where _____ go to school when you lived in Madrid?
- _____ smoke 40 cigarettes a day? How did you give up?

used to and would



Would and used to expresses typical past behaviour. Sometimes we can use both.
Jay always used to/would walk the dog in the morning.

Used to also expresses a past state.

We used to live in a big house.

In this case, we can only use **used to**, not **would**.

For one single action in the past we can only use the Past Simple.

We got married in 2017.

- 5 Tick (✓) which verb forms can complete the sentences below. Sometimes all are possible.
- I ___ long blonde hair when I was first married.
a had b used to have c would have
 - We ___ every summer with our cousins in Scotland.
a spent b used to spend c would spend
 - Pam ___ out with Andy for six months, but then she ditched him.
a went b used to go c would go
 - In the old days, people ___ you if you were in trouble.
a helped b used to help c would help
 - We ___ to each other every day when we were apart.
a spoke b used to speak c would speak
 - When I was a child, we ___ a beautiful, big house on the south coast.
a had b used to have c would have
 - I ___ living so close to the sea.
a loved b used to love c would love
 - Dave ___ Molly three times if she wanted to go out with him.
a asked b used to ask c would ask
 - He ___ to me every day for twenty years and then stopped.
a wrote b used to write c would write
 - I ___ questions in class. I was too shy.
a never asked b never used to ask c would never ask
 - Before I worked here, I ___ as an assistant manager at a restaurant.
a worked b used to work c would work
 - We ___ coffee and croissants every morning for breakfast.
a had b used to have c would have