



Expressing habit in context

8 Read the story about a 1980s romance. Underline the correct form of the verb. If both forms are correct, choose the one that is most suitable.

Girls (and boys) on film

by Anita Sands

Anita Sands describes how she met her husband in the glorious 1980s.

It was the summer of '81'. I was 18, and I was an art student at Brighton Polytechnic. I ¹ was / used to be also the happiest teenager in the world, because I was at my first Duran Duran concert. Simon Le Bon was singing *Girls on Film*, my favourite Duran Duran song, when I ² would have / had a sixth sense that someone was watching me. I ³ used to turn / turned around and there was this guy who looked just like Simon Le Bon. It was love at first sight.

His name was Terry and he was a typical New Romantic, with his frilly white shirt, black leather trousers and a bandana. Terry even ⁴ used to wear / wore eyeliner in those days, too!

He was 20, and back in 1981 he ⁵ used to work / worked as a waiter at a hotel on the sea front. But what he really wanted to be was a photographer. On our first dates, we ⁶ used to walk / would walk hand in hand along the beach, but every few minutes something would interest him and he ⁷ would stop / stopped to take a photo – it ⁸ would drive / drove me mad!

We ⁹ wouldn't have / didn't have much money back then, but if we did, we ¹⁰ used to meet / met up with Terry's



friends at the Rock Café, Brighton's coolest café, which often ¹¹ would play / played our favourite 80s music. It was because of the Rock Café that Terry ¹² used to get / got his first big break. The owner of the café, George, ¹³ would want / wanted some photos of his customers to put on the wall, and Terry became chief photographer (well, the only photographer). We all posed for Terry's photos and George ¹⁴ used to make / made big displays of them on the walls of the café! He even paid us! It was weird because people started to recognize us from the photos in the café. We really were girls (and boys) on film.

A famous local artist stopped at the café one day, and ¹⁵ would see / saw Terry's photos. He ¹⁶ would like / liked them and asked Terry to show his work at an exhibition in London.

The exhibition was a success, and the following year, after I ¹⁷ graduated / used to graduate from college, we ¹⁸ got / would get married.

We both used to commute to London from Brighton for a long time, because we ¹⁹ wouldn't want / didn't want to leave our friends in Brighton, but we eventually ²⁰ used to move / moved to London in 1985. At first,

I really missed Brighton. I ²¹ didn't like / wouldn't like London at first, and being around lots of people, but I soon ²² was used to it / got used to it, and I love it now.

Our beautiful twin girls were born in 1987. Of course, Terry ²³ took / would take thousands of photos of them, and now he takes photos of our grandchildren.

I'm now a successful illustrator of children's books, and Terry is a world-famous photographer, but if it wasn't for the Rock Café and those 80s photos of me and our friends, he might still be a waiter!

9 Complete these sentences about the story with one suitable word from the box.

got used wasn't would

- 1 Terry _____ to wear a bandana and eyeliner.
- 2 They _____ walk along the beach on their first dates.
- 3 It _____ drive Anita mad when Terry kept stopping to take photos.

- 4 Anita _____ to know Terry's friends at the Rock Café.
- 5 Anita _____ used to being recognized on the streets of Brighton.
- 6 Anita and Terry _____ paid for the café photos.
- 7 They both _____ to commute to London from Brighton.
- 8 Anita _____ used to being around all the people in London.
- 9 Anita _____ to like London eventually.