EXERCISES

# Would or used to

Answer key

## 1 Complete with "would" or "used to" and the verb.

1 When I was a kid, my uncle *would take* (take) us to baseball games.

2 We *used to have* (have) a big dog named Max.

3 She *used to be* (be) really shy in high school.

4 Every Friday, my dad *would bring* (bring) home pizza.

5 My parents *used to own* (own) a small restaurant.

6 In college, we *would stay* (stay) up all night talking.

7 I *used to know* (know) every song on that album.

8 Every morning, my mom *would sing* (sing) in the kitchen.

9 This town *used to be* (be) much smaller.

10 I *used to love* (love) cartoons as a kid.

## 2 Complete with "would", "used to" or the Past Simple.

1 Every summer we *would drive* (drive) to the beach. One year, the car *broke* (break) down on the way.

2 When I lived in Boston, I *would walk* (walk) to work every day. Once I *got* (get) caught in a snowstorm.

3 I *met* (meet) my husband at a friend's wedding in 2012.

4 In high school, we *would eat* (eat) lunch in the parking lot.

5 We *moved* (move) to Denver three years ago.

6 My old boss *would send* (send) emails at midnight.

7 Yesterday I *found* (find) my old diary in the attic.

8 When we were kids, my brother and I *would fight* (fight) all the time.

9 Last weekend we *visited* (visit) the town where I grew up.

## 3 Circle the correct option.

1 We _____ a house by the lake, but we sold it. would have / (used to have) / would had

2 My mom _____ really strict when I was a teenager. would be / (used to be) / use to be

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## 3 Circle the correct option.

3 On Saturday mornings, my dad _____ pancakes for everyone.
would make / would made / was used to make

4 I _____ my first job in 2010. would get / used to get / got

5 She _____ in Seattle before she moved here. would live / used to live / would lived

6 Did you _____ like vegetables when you were little? use to / used to / would

7 Every night, my grandpa _____ the same old story. would tell / would told / used to telling

8 I _____ that guy. We were in the same class. would know / used to know / would knew

9 We _____ to Spain only once, in 2019. used to go / would go / went

## 4 Choose the correct sentence.

1
a) I would have a lot of friends in college.
b) I used to have a lot of friends in college.
c) I would had a lot of friends in college.

2
a) When I was a kid, we would play outside until dark.
b) When I was a kid, we would played outside until dark.
c) When I was a kid, we use to played outside until dark.

3
a) He would be my best friend in high school.
b) He used to be my best friend in high school.
c) He would been my best friend in high school.

4
a) We used to win the championship in 2016.
b) We would win the championship in 2016.
c) We won the championship in 2016.

5
a) She would live in an old farmhouse.
b) She used to live in an old farmhouse.
c) She would lived in an old farmhouse.

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## 4 Choose the correct sentence.

6 a)

Every winter, we would go skiing in Colorado.

b)

Every winter, we would went skiing in Colorado.

c)

Every winter, we use to go skiing in Colorado.

## 5 Put the words in order.

1 bed / dad / would / read / to / me / my / before / .

*My dad would read to me before bed.*

2 have / we / used / to / dog / a / .

*We used to have a dog.*

3 my / sing / mom / would / always / car / in / the / .

*My mom would always sing in the car.*

4 used / shy / I / very / to / be / .

*I used to be very shy.*

5 swim / we / would / every / lake / day / in / the / .

*We would swim in the lake every day.*

6 own / parents / to / my / a / used / store / .

*My parents used to own a store.*

7 in / best / I / friend / 2010 / my / met / .

*I met my best friend in 2010.*

8 grandpa / me / my / fishing / take / would / .

*My grandpa would take me fishing.*

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## 6 Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.

1 We would had a lot of fun in college.

*We would have a lot of fun in college.*

2 My dad would took us to the zoo.

*My dad would take us to the zoo.*

3 I use to live near the ocean.

*I used to live near the ocean.*

4 He would have long curly hair.

*He always had long curly hair.*

5 Back then we would live in a tiny apartment.

*Back then we all lived in a tiny apartment.*

6 Last summer we would go to Italy.

*Last summer we finally went to Italy.*

7 Every Sunday, my mom would making soup.

*Every Sunday, my mom would make soup.*

8 I would love horses when I was little.

*I really loved horses when I was little.*

9 In college, I would to work at a coffee shop on weekends.

*In college, I used to work at a coffee shop on weekends.*

YOUR LIFE

## 7 Write about your childhood.

I USED TO...

EVERY SUMMER WE WOULD...

*Answers will vary.*