

PAST HABITS: USED TO, WOULD & SIMPLE

B2 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Question Writing | 20-30 minutes

Complete questions, write detailed answers and form questions of your own.

EXAMPLE

Question: What **would** you **do** each summer as a child?

Answer: We **used to stay** by the sea. Every morning, we'd **walk** down to the beach.

Remember: Used to: habits/states. Would: repeated actions in a past context. Past simple: also single events.

A. COMPLETE AND ANSWER

Complete the questions using the grammar cues. Write full answers with a relevant detail.

1. Where did you use _____ as a child? (live; state)

Answer: _____

2. What would you _____ on a typical summer evening? (do; repeated)

Answer: _____

3. What did you use _____ about your old routine? (like; state)

Answer: _____

4. When _____ that routine _____? (change; single event)

Answer: _____

B. WRITE THE QUESTIONS

Put the words in order. Write each question. Start with a capital letter and add ?.

1. would / what / rainy / on / days / you / play / games

2. use / neighbours / you / all / know / to / your / did

3. you / when / did / away / move

Try it: Ask your partner the questions in B. Ask one follow-up of your own.

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Answer key | Keep this page separate during student practice.

A. COMPLETE AND ANSWER

Target forms and model answers are shown below. Personal answers will vary.

1. to live - Where did you use to live as a child?

Sample answer: I used to live near a park, so we spent a lot of time outdoors.

2. do - What would you do on a typical summer evening?

Sample answer: On summer evenings, we'd play outside until it got dark.

3. to like - What did you use to like about your old routine?

Sample answer: I used to like having long afternoons free to see my friends.

4. did / change - When did that routine change?

Sample answer: It changed when we moved in 2016 and I started travelling further to school.

B. WRITE THE QUESTIONS

1. What games would you play on rainy days?

2. Did you use to know all your neighbours?

3. When did you move away?

TEACHER NOTES

Establish the past context for would. These exercises distinguish continuing states from repeated actions.

Accept correct full forms and contractions. Check that answers match the question.

Encourage one relevant detail; check word order, capitals and question marks in B.