

USED TO/WOULD

We use **used to/would** to talk about past habits or things that were different in the past.

Example: They **used to go** to the same school as each other.

On weekends, he **would fly** a kite across the open field.

We don't use **used to/would** to say how long a past habit lasted. We use Past Simple instead.

Example: Lindsey ~~**used to/would practice**~~ singing for 5 years.

Lindsey practiced singing for 5 years.

We usually don't use **would** with stative verbs (verbs that describe a state, not an action) when describing past habits.

Example: My brother **used to love** swimming.

~~My brother **would love** swimming.~~

We don't use **would** with questions and negatives when describing past habits.

Example: Children ~~**didn't use to play**~~ games on iPads that often.

~~Children **wouldn't play** games on iPads that often.~~

Did your grandma **use to cook** dinner for the family?

~~**Would** your grandma **cook** dinner for the family?~~