



Used to / Would:

Used to: Past Habits and States

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

- I ___ in a small village, but now I live in the city.
a) used to live
b) use to live
c) used to living
d) am used to live
- She ___ glasses when she was younger.
a) would to wear
b) used to wear
c) use to wear
d) was used to wear
- We ___ to the beach every summer when I was a child.
a) use to go
b) used to going
c) used to go
d) were used to go
- Tom ___ football, but he gave it up last year.
a) used to played
b) use to play
c) used to playing
d) used to play
- ___ a bicycle to school when you were young?
a) Did you use to ride
b) Did you used to ride
c) Were you used to ride
d) Used you to ride
- My grandfather ___ me stories before bedtime.
a) used to telling
b) use to tell
c) used to tell
d) used to told
- They ___ a dog, but it died two years ago.
a) were used to have
b) used to have
c) used to having
d) would have
- I ___ coffee, but now I drink it every morning.
a) didn't used to like
b) wasn't used to like
c) not used to like
d) didn't use to like
- ___ long hair when she was a teenager?
a) Did Sara use to have
b) Did Sara used to have
c) Was Sara used to have
d) Used Sara to have
- He ___ very shy, but now he's quite confident.
a) used to being
b) would be
c) used to be
d) was used to be
- We ___ in this restaurant. It's our first time here.
a) used to eat
b) didn't use to eat
c) weren't used to eat
d) don't use to eat



Answers

1. a) used to live
2. b) used to wear
3. c) used to go
4. d) used to play
5. a) Did you use to ride
6. c) used to tell
7. b) used to have
8. d) didn't use to like
9. a) Did Sara use to have
10. c) used to be
11. b) didn't use to eat
12. c) used to live
13. b) used to play
14. a) Did you use to walk
15. d) used to be
16. c) didn't use to have
17. a) used to be
18. d) didn't use to eat
19. b) used to be
20. d) Did you use to eat



Explanations

1. “used to live” (a)

'Used to + infinitive' describes a past state that is no longer true. 'I used to live' means I lived there before but I don't any more.

2. “used to wear” (b)

'Used to + infinitive' describes a past habit. 'She used to wear glasses' means she wore them regularly in the past but doesn't now.

3. “used to go” (c)

'Used to + infinitive' describes a repeated past action. The correct form is 'used to go', not 'use to go' (which is only correct after 'did/didn't').

4. “used to play” (d)

'Used to' is always followed by the base form of the verb (infinitive). 'Used to play' is correct, not 'used to played' or 'used to playing'.

5. “Did you use to ride” (a)

In questions with 'did', we use 'use to' (without -d) because 'did' already carries the past tense. 'Did you use to ride?' is the standard form.

6. “used to tell” (c)

'Used to + infinitive' describes a past habit. 'Used to tell' is correct. The verb after 'used to' must be in the base form.

7. “used to have” (b)

'Used to have' describes a past state (possession). We use 'used to' (not 'would') because having a dog is a state, not a repeated action.

8. “didn't use to like” (d)

The negative form is 'didn't use to' (without -d on 'use') because 'didn't' already marks the past. 'I didn't use to like coffee' means I disliked it before.

9. “Did Sara use to have” (a)

In questions, we use 'Did + subject + use to + base verb'. 'Did Sara use to have' is correct. Note: 'use to' (not 'used to') after 'did'.

10. “used to be” (c)

'Used to be' describes a past state (personality trait). We cannot use 'would' here because 'being shy' is a state, not a repeated action.

11. “didn't use to eat” (b)

The negative 'didn't use to eat' means we never ate here in the past. The sentence confirms this is a new experience.

12. “used to live” (c)

'Used to live' describes a past state — they lived in Japan before but don't any more. This is a state, not a repeated action.

13. “used to play” (b)

'Used to play' describes a past habit that has stopped. The infinitive 'play' follows 'used to', not the past form 'played'.

14. “Did you use to walk” (a)

Questions about past habits use 'Did + subject + use to + base verb'. 'Did you use to walk?' is the correct question form.

15. “used to be” (d)

'There used to be' describes something that existed in the past but no longer exists. We use 'used to' (not 'would') for past states.

16. “didn't use to have” (c)

The negative form is 'didn't use to + base verb'. 'Didn't use to have' describes a past state of not having much money.

17. “used to be” (a)

'Used to be afraid' describes a past state (emotion). We use 'used to' for past states. 'Would' cannot replace 'used to' for states.

18. “didn't use to eat” (d)

The negative 'didn't use to eat' means he never ate vegetables in the past. Note: 'use to' (no -d) after 'didn't'.

19. “used to be” (b)

'Used to be' describes a past state. The building was a cinema before but isn't any more. 'Would be' is incorrect because this is a state.

20. “Did you use to eat” (d)

The question form is 'Did + subject + use to + base verb'. 'Did you use to eat' is correct. Remember: 'use to' (not 'used to') after 'did'.