

6th session

1D

Grammar

used to and would

I can correctly use used to and would.



Then

Now



1 Read the text. What is unusual about Akrit Jaswal?



Physician Akrit Jaswal had a very unusual childhood. He didn't use to play with toys like most children. Instead, he used to read a lot - he could read and write from the age of two. And what did he use to read as a five-year-old boy? Shakespeare! He also had a passion for science and would read everything he could find about human anatomy. He performed his first operation at the age of seven, treating the badly burned hands of a young girl whose family couldn't afford medical care. This operation was filmed and posted on YouTube - leading to worldwide fame for Akrit. At the age of twelve, he was accepted into a medical university, becoming the youngest person ever to achieve this in India. He studied there for several years and hopes one day to go to Harvard University. He is currently trying to find a cure for cancer.

LEARN THIS! *used to* and *would*

- 1 We use *used to* and *would* to talk about past habits and situations that were different in the past.

His family *used to be* extremely poor.

When he was young, he'd *spend time studying* medicine.

- 2 We don't use *used to* or *would* when we say how long a past habit or situation lasted. We use the past simple.

He *went to college* for five years.

NOT ~~He *used to / would go to college* for five years.~~ X

- 3 We don't use *would* with state verbs – we use *used to*.

He *used to love* reading.

NOT ~~He *would love* reading.~~ X

- 4 We avoid using *would* with questions and negatives.

Did he *use to play* with cars and dolls?

NOT ~~Would he *play* with cars and dolls?~~ X

People *didn't use to become* famous so easily in the past.

NOT ~~People *wouldn't become* famous so easily in the past.~~ X

- The structures *never used to* and *would never* are common negative forms.

I *never used to like* curry.

She *would never come* swimming with us.



2 Read the **Learn this!** box. Then find all the examples of *used to* and *would* in the text.



1 Complete the sentences with *used to* or *would*. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

- 1 They _____ (live) in London but they moved to Paris.
- 2 He was a bad student and _____ (forget) to do his homework.
- 3 I never _____ (enjoy) baseball but now I'm a huge fan.
- 4 He _____ (want) to be a vet but he's changed his mind.
- 5 They _____ (go) on holiday twice a year but they can't afford to nowadays.
- 6 Our old flat was near a park and we _____ (play) there at weekends.
- 7 My older brother _____ (have) a moustache but he shaved it off.
- 8 Can you believe that years ago, people _____ (not / own) smartphones!

1. Think of your childhood. What did you do after school most days?
2. Is there a food that your opinion has changed on? Do you eat something now that you didn't like before?
3. Did you have a pet in the past?
4. Name a singer or band that you have grown to like or dislike over time?
5. Have you ever owned a car? Or a bicycle?
6. What did people do before they could look up information easily on the internet?

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *used to* or *would*. In which sentences is either possible?

- 1 He _____ (work) as a journalist for a science magazine.
- 2 Years ago, they _____ (go) on holidays abroad every winter.
- 3 That actor _____ (have) really long hair – now he's bald.
- 4 _____ (she wear) glasses before she became a model? I'm sure she did!
- 5 Lots of people _____ (follow) him on Twitter, but he's not so popular now.
- 6 When I was younger, I was so poor I _____ (never accept) invitations to go out.

- 4 Decide if the highlighted words in the text below are correct or incorrect. Correct any mistakes in your notebook using the correct form of *used to* or *would*, or the past simple where neither is possible.

For every success story, there's another about someone who ¹used to have it all, then lost it. One actor ²would own homes all over the world, including a castle in Germany, but these properties had to be sold to pay his tax bills. A well-known actress and former model ³didn't use to have money problems. She ⁴would enjoy a successful career for many years, until a studio won more than \$8 million from her when she pulled out of a film. Fortunately for her, after a legal process which ⁵used to last eighteen months, this decision was overturned. But it's not just film stars who go from riches to rags. Footballer Jermaine Pennant ⁶would be the most expensive teenager in history – he was bought by Arsenal for £2 million. But the troubled young star ⁷would often behave rebelliously and scored just three goals for the club before leaving.

5 USE OF ENGLISH Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets. Do not change the order of the words. You can add up to three other words.

- 1 Gary _____ (used / want) be a vet.
- 2 When you were younger, _____ (use / have) a favourite toy?
- 3 Years ago, people _____ (not / use) want to become celebrities as much as they do now.
- 4 He was such a lazy student that _____ (would / do) his homework five minutes before the class.
- 5 Isn't that Ali? _____ (she / use) be at your school?
- 6 My parents _____ (would / let) me stay up late at weekends.

6 SPEAKING Work in pairs. Think about when you were five or six years old. Talk to your partner about these things. Use *used to* or *would*.

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| 1 favourite toys you played with | 3 friends you had |
| 2 books you read | 4 other things you enjoyed |

I used to have a giant teddy bear that I really loved.

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Homework: