

WOULD AND USED TO – PAST HABITS AND REPEATED ACTIONS

Used to do

Repeated actions in the past

We can use **used to + infinitive** to talk about **things** that **we did repeatedly** in the past.

- *When I was a child, I **used to go** skiing every winter.*
- *From the age of 12 till I was 16, I **used to dance** at weekends.*

Situations or states that are no longer true

We can use **used to + infinitive** to talk about situations or states (stative verbs) which were true in the past, but they are no longer true.

- *As a child I **used to be** blond.*
- *I **used to live** with my mum when I was a child.*

Would do

Repeated actions in the past

We can also use **would + infinitive** to talk about **things** that **we did repeatedly** in the past.

- *When I was a child, we **would go** to the shopping centre every Saturday.*
- *My 5th grade teacher **would tell** me to shut up at the beginning of every class.*

~~Situations or states that are no longer true~~

We cannot use **would** to talk about situations or states (stative verbs) which are no longer true.

- *I **used to be** blond as a child. (NOT ~~I would be blond as a child.~~)*
- *I **used to live** with my mum when I was a child. (NOT ~~I would live with my mum.~~)*