



Course: English composition 1

Course code: ENGL 101

Topic: Narrative paragraph

Skill: “used to” or “would”

“Would” is most commonly used to create conditional verb forms. It also serves as the past form of the modal verb "will." Additionally, "would" can indicate repetition in the past

If we say something used to happen, we are talking about repeated events and actions in the past, usually things that happened a long time ago and are now finished.

Examples of **would**

- If he were an actor, he would be in adventure movies.
- I knew that she would be very successful in her career.
- When they first met, they would always have picnics on the beach.

Examples of **used to**

- My dog used to bark at cats.
- I used to smoke.
- I used to be an administrative assistant.
- I used to live in England.

"Used to" es un auxiliar modal. En español se suele traducir por solía o acostumbraba, pero también es frecuente su traducción como pretérito imperfecto del indicativo del verbo que le sigue.

Exercises:

Work on these exercises to better understand how to use “Used to” and “Would”

www.englishexercises.org/makeagame/viewgame.asp?id=1230

www.perfect-english-grammar.com/used-to-exercise-1.html

Web resources:

www.shertonenglish.com/resources/es/miscellaneous-topics/used-to.php

www.perfect-english-grammar.com/used-to.html

References:

<http://www.learnenglish.de/grammar/usedtotext.html#sthash.guoMeeph.dpuf>

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