

**WOULD**  
**VS**  
**USED TO**

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# Would

**Describes habitual actions  
that were repeated or customary.**

- When I was young, I would visit my grandparents every weekend.
  - When I was in college, I would study late into the night before exams.
- He would play the piano for hours when he was feeling stressed.

## 2

# Used to

**Describes past habitual actions or  
states  
Not anymore**

- He used to work as a chef before he became a teacher.
  - My dad used to smoke, but he quit a few years ago.
- Before the pandemic, we used to have family gatherings every month.

# Key differences

- **State vs. Action:**

- "Used to" can describe both actions and states:

*I used to live in New York.*

They used to play hide and seek.

- "Would" primarily describes actions:

*I would go to the park every Saturday.*

***Stative Verbs:***

***Love, hate, Know, Need, Understand***

# Key differences

- **Negatives and Questions:**

- For negatives and questions, "used to" is generally preferred:
  - *Did you use to go there?*
  - *I didn't use to like coffee.*
- "Would" in negatives or questions can sound unusual:
  - *Would you go there?* (usually implies a conditional)

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