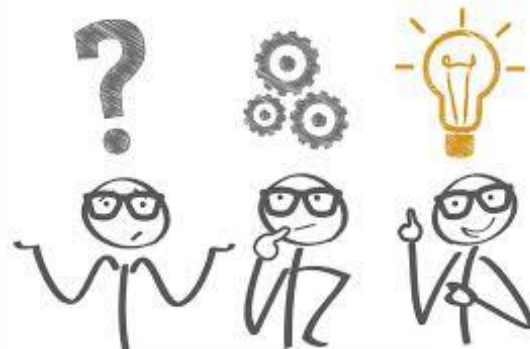


Touchstone 3  
Unit 4-B

**USED TO – WOULD**

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# Simple past

We describe past events:

- Did you go to Lima last summer?  
No, I didn't. I had no time to travel.

Who was your favorite teacher in primary?

Well, let me remember; oh yes, it was Mr. Gomez.

What did you do last night?

We just stayed home and watched a film, it was a quiet night.





## USED TO

- I used to live in New York when I was in primary school.
- We didn't use to have a break during university classes.
- Did your mother use to work when you were a kid?  
No, she didn't. She started to work just when I finished high school.

Regular activities or situations no longer done



The sentences formation is equal to the simple past tense for a regular verb



## Regular situations

- My sister didn't use to go out every Saturday night when she was in the university.

Negative and interrogative sentences are less common

- Where did you use to travel on your summer vacations?

I didn't use to travel because my parents didn't have enough money, but I used to walk by the seashore every morning.

Those situations don't ever happen again the same way



## WOULD

A MODAL VERB USED  
FOR REFERRING TO  
REGULAR ACTIVITIES  
IN THE PAST

- When I used to practice for the running competition, I **wouldn't eat** any greasy or sweet food.
- My grandparents used to visit us every Sunday when they were alive. We **would play** all the morning and then we would watch films all the afternoon.
- I **would study** for 3 hours every night during a week before I gave my proficiency test.





ONLY FOR  
ACTIVITIES, NEVER  
FOR SITUATIONS

- Pedro would play the guitar every time her mother invited relatives to their house.
- We would eat much fruit when we went to grandma's house 10 years ago.
- José and María wouldn't finish their homework in primary school, they used to forget about it on purpose.



Questions are less common for would



# Remember

You can use **USED TO** (for affirmative sentences in general) to describe situations or activities in the past that do not happen again or not the same way.

- My parents used to cook some pork for Christmas when I was a teenager.

You can use **WOULD** (for affirmative sentences in general) to describe only regular activities in the past.

- When I was studying primary school, I'd play checkers every other day with my friends.



*Thank  
you*



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