Used to and Would — Worksheet

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Choose the correct option (a–d) for each gap or question. Check yourself with the answer key on the last page.

1. When she was a student, she _____ in a café in the evenings.
   a) use to work b) used to work c) used to working d) was used to work

2. My brother _____ really long hair, but now he keeps it very short.
   a) use to have b) used to has c) used to have d) used to having

3. There _____ a small bakery on this corner, but it closed years ago.
   a) used to be b) use to be c) used to being d) was used to be

4. We _____ have a car when I was young, so we walked everywhere.
   a) don't use to b) weren't used to c) didn't use d) didn't use to

5. _____ you _____ walk to school when you were little?
   a) Did … use to b) Do … use to c) Were … used to d) Did … use

6. My parents _____ me watch TV after nine o'clock.
   a) never use to let b) never used to letting c) were never used to let d) never used to let

7. Every summer my grandmother _____ us to the lake and teach us to swim.
   a) would took b) would taking c) would take d) would to take

8. Who _____ next door when you were a child?
   a) did use to live b) used to live c) use to live d) used to living

9. She's a nurse, so she _____ working at night.
   a) used to b) use to c) is used to d) is use to

10. After years of eating out, it took him a while to get used to _____ for himself.
    a) cooking b) cook c) cooked d) to cook

11. I _____ a lot of meat, but now I'm a vegetarian.
    a) use to eat b) usually eat c) was used to eat d) used to eat

12. These days I _____ cycle to work, but I used to drive.
    a) usually b) use to c) used to d) am used to

13. I _____ Lisbon four times while I was working in Spain.
    a) used to visit b) was visiting c) use to visit d) visited

14. She _____ in Canada for three years before she came back home.
    a) used to live b) lived c) use to live d) was used to live

15. Last Saturday we _____ to a concert in the park.

a) went b) used to go c) would go d) use to go

16. On Sundays my grandfather _____ get up early and bake bread for the whole family.

a) was used to b) would c) is used to d) use to

17. Don't worry about the noise — I _____ it. I grew up near a railway.

a) used to b) am use to c) am used to d) use to

18. At first the new job was hard, but I soon _____ it.

a) got used to b) used to c) get used to d) use to

19. This town _____ really quiet, but now it's full of tourists.

a) use to be b) was used to be c) used to be d) used to being

20. Max _____ like dogs, but now he has two of them.

a) doesn't use to b) didn't use to c) wasn't used to d) didn't use

21. When I was little, we _____ a big black dog called Bruno.

a) would have b) use to have c) were used to have d) used to have

22. As a child I _____ near the sea, and every morning I _____ swim before school.

a) would live … would b) used to live … would c) would live … used to d) use to live … would

23. We _____ to the coast every summer, but we _____ the island only once, when I was twelve.

a) used to go … used to visit b) went … used to visit c) used to go … visited d) use to go … visited

24. In my last job I _____ get up at five, so now I _____ waking up early.

a) am used to … used to b) used to … used to c) was used to … am used to d) used to … am used to

25. When I moved north, I _____ the long dark winters, but now I love them.

a) didn't use to b) wasn't used to c) wasn't use to d) not used to

26. Which sentence is correct?

a) I use to walk to work, but now I drive.
b) I used to walking to work, but now I drive.
c) I used to walk to work, but now I drive.
d) I was used to walk to work, but now I drive.

27. Which sentence is correct?

a) When I was a child, we used to live in a tiny house.
b) When I was a child, we would live in a tiny house.
c) When I was a child, we use to live in a tiny house.
d) When I was a child, we were used to live in a tiny house.

28. Which sentence is correct?

a) I used to fly to Madrid twice last year.
b) I would fly to Madrid twice last year.
c) I use to fly to Madrid twice last year.
d) I flew to Madrid twice last year.

29. Which sentence is correct?

a) I'm not used to share an office with five people.
b) I'm not used to sharing an office with five people.
c) I'm not use to sharing an office with five people.
d) I don't used to sharing an office with five people.

30. Which question is correct?

a) Were you used to have long hair at school?
b) Do you use to have long hair at school?
c) Did you use to have long hair at school?
d) Did you use to having long hair at school?

Answer Key

Used to and Would · Explanations are shortened — the full interactive version is at gramvoy.com/exercises/used-to-would/

1. b) used to work

A past habit that is over takes used to + the base form: she used to work.

2. c) used to have

But now he keeps it short shows a past state that has changed: used to have.

3. a) used to be

The bakery was there in the past and isn't now, so used to be.

4. d) didn't use to

A negative past state: didn't use to + base form.

5. a) Did … use to

Questions with used to take did: Did you use to walk…?

6. d) never used to let

Never makes the sentence negative without did, so used keeps its -d: never used to let.

7. c) would take

Would + base form describes a repeated action in the past, just like teach later in the sentence: would take … and teach.

8. b) used to live

Who is the subject, so the question has no did: Who used to live next door?

9. c) is used to

Be used to + -ing means "accustomed": she works nights, so it feels normal to her.

10. a) cooking

Get used to (= become accustomed) is followed by -ing or a noun, because to here is a preposition: get used to cooking.

11. d) used to eat

But now I'm a vegetarian shows a past habit that has stopped: used to eat.

12. a) usually

Used to has no present form, so a habit now takes the present simple: These days I usually cycle.

13. d) visited

Four times gives an exact number of visits, so the past simple visited.

14. b) lived

For three years says how long the period lasted, which used to doesn't do: use the past simple lived.

15. a) went

Last Saturday is one single event, not a habit, so the past simple went.

16. b) would

Getting up early on Sundays is a repeated past action, so would + base form works (used to is also possible).

17. c) am used to

Be used to + a noun or pronoun means "accustomed": the noise doesn't bother me, so I am used to it.

18. a) got used to

Get used to means "become accustomed", and the story is in the past: got used to it.

19. c) used to be

The town was quiet in the past and isn't now — a past state that changed: used to be.

20. b) didn't use to

But now he has two shows a past state that changed, so the negative didn't use to + base form.

21. d) used to have

Having a dog is a state, not a repeated action, so would doesn't work: used to have.

22. b) used to live … would

Live is a state, so the first gap needs used to live — would live is wrong.

23. c) used to go … visited

The summer trips were a habit: used to go.

24. d) used to … am used to

The past habit takes used to + base form (used to get up); the result now — early mornings feel normal — takes am used to + -ing (am used to waking).

25. b) wasn't used to

"Not accustomed" + a noun is wasn't used to the long dark winters.

26. c) I used to walk to work, but now I drive.

A past habit that has stopped: I used to walk — used with -d, then the base form.

27. a) When I was a child, we used to live in a tiny house.

Live is a state, so only used to works: we used to live.

28. d) I flew to Madrid twice last year.

Twice last year counts the trips, so the past simple: I flew.

29. b) I'm not used to sharing an office with five people.

Be used to (= accustomed) is followed by -ing: I'm not used to sharing.

30. c) Did you use to have long hair at school?

A question about a past state: Did you use to have…?