

GRAMMAR

① *used to, would*

Decide if only *used to* is possible in the following sentences, or if both *used to* and *would* are possible. Write *used to* or *both* for each sentence. (10 marks)

Example: When I was a child I used to / would think there were monsters living under my bed!

Answer: used to

- 1 We used to / would live in a small flat, but in the end we bought a house.

- 2 Gavin used to / would arrive late for work every morning.

- 3 Every evening, after work, Fred used to / would go for a run to help him relax.

- 4 I used to / would find politics boring, but now I'm really interested in it.

- 5 All this area used to / would be countryside when we first moved here, but then these new houses were built.

- 6 Is that Colin? I thought he used to / would have a beard.

- 7 Before Belinda got a bike she used to / would take the bus everywhere.

- 8 Jools and I used to / would share an office, but there wasn't really enough space for both of us.

- 9 When my sister and I were children our parents used to / would take us to the park every Sunday.

- 10 Harriet used to / would hate fish, but she really likes it now.

VOCABULARY

② How I feel about gadgets

Complete the missing words in the sentences. (8 marks)

Example: I use my laptop a_____l the t____e. I think I w_____d d_____e without it!

Answer: all, time, would die

- 1 I got a webcam last year, and I u_____e it f_____r my job – for meetings and things. It definitely m_____s l_____e easier.

- 2 There's a microwave in the kitchen at work but I d_____t b_____r with it. I don't e_____n h_____e one at home!

③ Telephone expressions

Put the words in brackets in order to complete the expressions in the conversation. (4 marks)

Example: A Hi, _____? (Joe / is / that?)

B No, _____. (Tim Willis / is / this)

Answer: Hi, is that Joe?

No, this is Tim Willis.

- A Hi, Silvia, it's Monica here. Is _____?
_____?
(talk / good / to / this / a / time)
- B Sorry, Monica, but I can't hear you very well.
_____ here.
(bad / reception's / the / really)
Just a minute, I'll go outside.
- A Silvia, can _____?
(now / you / me / hear)
Listen, don't worry, _____.
_____.
(back / later / I'll / you / call)

4 Comparing past and present

Complete the expressions for comparing past and present. (5 marks)

Example: Now that I have children I go out a lot less often h_n s_d o.

Answer: than I used to

1 I always read the news on the Internet t_e_e d_y, so I hardly ever buy a newspaper.

2 N_w_d_y it's almost impossible to imagine life without computers.

3 People recycle things much more now t_a t_e u_e t.

4 How did people keep in touch i t_e d_y b_f_r mobile phones?

5 There are a lot more TV channels available now h_n t_e_e u_e o_e when I was a child.

3 Any you want some advice, just give me a ring.

4 If you don't have to talk now, I can phone you later.

5 By the we arrived everyone was already there.

6 When the children are shouting all the I can't concentrate very well.

7 Every I hear that song I always think of my ex-boyfriend.

8 I think you spend too much watching TV when you should be outside in the fresh air.

9 The best to go to the museum is in the morning because it's less busy then.

KEYWORD *time*

5 Uses of *time*

Rewrite the sentences, adding *time* in the correct place. (9 marks)

Example: How old were you when you flew in a plane for the first?

Answer: How old were you when you flew in a plane for the first time?

1 I'm quite busy today so I'd prefer to have our meeting another if you don't mind.

2 Is this your first in England or have you been here before?

EXPLORE WRITING

6 Memories

Circle the correct option to complete the sentences. (4 marks)

Example: On the day I started school I remember snowing / that it was snowing.

1 I remember when / that I first saw my little sister – I was about three, and it's my earliest memory.

2 I got my first bike being / when I was six, but unfortunately I didn't know how to ride it.

3 I remember seeing / see the sea for the first time – I was so excited!

4 As soon as I reached / have reached my 17th birthday, I bought a car.