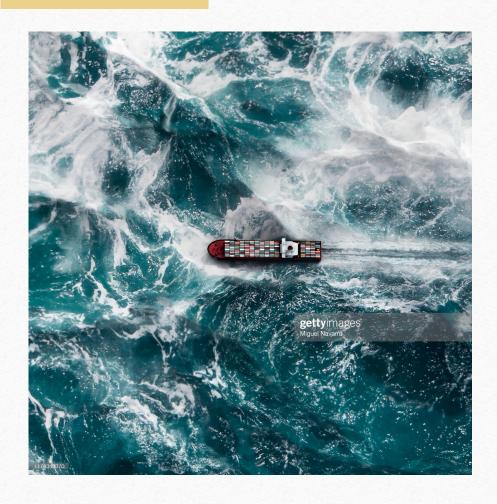
used to / would / past simple

Talking about past

- 1. repeated events or actions happened in the past => a long time ago and finished:
- e.g. I used to go to the countryside in summer.
- e.g. I **would** go to the countryside in summer.
- e.g. I went to the countryside in summer. (fact)
- 2. talk about past states:
- e.g. I **used to** live in Manchester. I would live in Manchester.
- e.g I **used to** be much slimmer. I would be much slimmer.
- e.g. I **lived** in Manchester. (fact)
- 3. talk about something that was in the past and it is not true now:
- e.g. I used to work for a company, now I am self-employed.
- e.g. I worked for a big company. (fact)

states vs action





states

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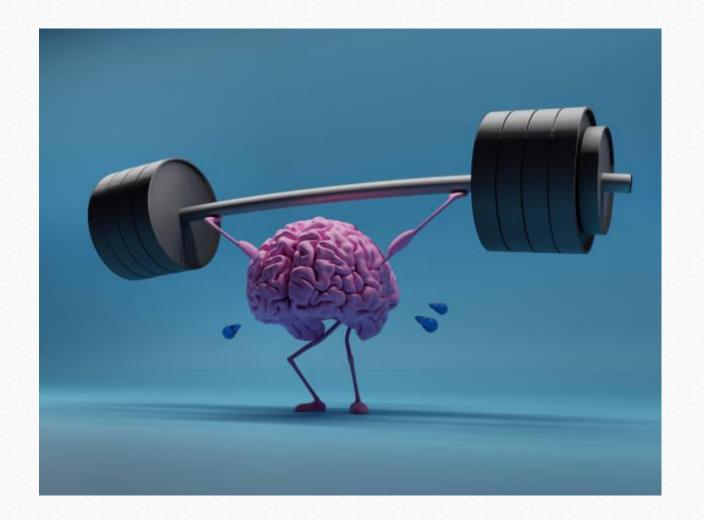


(-)I didn't use to eat milk soup.I never used to eat milk soup. => more natural

(?)
Did you use to like milk soup?
Would you eat milk soup?

	facts	repeated actions	repeated states	past =/=present
used to				
would				
past simple	1			

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used to				
would	9			
past simple				



PRACTICE



CHILDHOOD DREAMS

When I was a boy, I spent afternoons imagining that I had my own rocket ship. I would invite my cousins my friends to join my crew, and we would lie on our backs inside a very large cardboard box and go through a countdown, blast off into space, spend the whole day exploring other planets, and be back in time for dinner. So that was sort of the beginning – my earliest memories of being fascinated by space.

Chang Diaz, rocket scientist



CHILDHOOD DREAMS

We used to live in France, and as a child, I would collect small insects that I found in the fields near my house. One day I found a butterfly. It couldn't fly, so I put it in a jar and looked after it.

The next morning, when I opened the jar, the butterfly opened its wings and flew away. That was when I realized what I wanted to do with my life.

Lowri Davis, veterinary surgeon