# PASTTENSE

Habits and repeated actions

the / you / binge-sleep / weekend / Did / at ?

2 night / How / last / hours / sleep / you / many / did ?

■ 3 morning / always / you / in / Do / sleepy / the / feel?

### PRESENT AND PAST SIMPLE

#### Use <u>Present Simple</u> and <u>Past Simple</u> to describe:

- General truths and facts: Shakespeare wrote not only plays, but also many verses.
- Permanent situations: They live in Dubai.
- States: It belonged to the family of aristocrats.
- How often things happen: *He went on holiday twice a year.*

#### Use <u>Past Simple</u> to describe

- A **single** completed action or a past situation: *She called you on the phone.*
- An action or actions happened at a certain time in the Past: They moved to Brazil last year.

### 'USED TO' FOR PAST HABITS

- Used to/Past Simple are used to talk about past habits, situations or actions that happened regularly in the past but no longer happen.
- She used to walk to work but now she cycles.
- They visited their relatives on Saturdays (but now they don't).
- We used to buy tickets in the box office.
- Did they use to buy tickets in the box office?
- He didn't use to buy tickets in the box office. He bought them online.
- I never used to buy tickets online.

### **USED TO**

#### 1 Use 'used to' and make sentences:

- I did yoga once a week.
- I slept on the floor.
- We went hiking every weekend.
- 2 Make those sentences questions (Did you use to...?)
- 3 Make the sentences negative ones (I didn't use to...)

### 'USED TO' FOR PRESENT HABITS

- Michael is used to getting up early, but I still suffer from a jetlag and I haven't got used to waking up at 5 am yet.
- You need to be used to remembering a lot of information, when you learn languages.

- I think she is not used to working from home. She has become too laid-back and isn't able to submit her reports on time.
- You had better get used to paying your rent on time, or I will find another tenant.

### WHAT ABOUT YOU?

#### Describe

- 1 something you used to like doing before but now you are not very interested
- 2 something you used to do quite often but now you don't it so frequently
- 3 something you are used to doing although it isn't much fun
- 4 something in the Lyceum you still haven't got used completely to doing yet

#### 'WOULD' FOR PAST ACTIONS

- Use 'would do' for repeated actions or routines in the past:
- They would go to the dacha every weekend.

! The negative form isn't used for describing past repeated actions.

She wouldn't go to the dacha (Future-in -the-Past function).

! 'Would' doesn't go with Stative verbs like 'be, like, remember, belong...'

He would arrive late. NOT: He would be late.

He used to like his job. NOT: He would like his job.

## STATIVE VERBS IN ENGLISH

POSSESSION	SENSE	EMOTION		MENTAL STATE		OTHERS
• Have	• Sound	• Love	• Need	• Know	• Disagree	• Cost
• Own	• Hear	• Like	• Desire	• Believe	• Deny	• Measure
• Possess	• Smell	• Dislike	• Wish	• Doubt	• Promise	• Weigh
• Pack	• See	• Hate	• Hope	• Think	• Satisfy	• Owe
• Consist	• Look	• Adore	• Value	• Suppose	• Realise	• Seem
• Involve	• Taste	• Prefer		• Recognise	• Appear	• Fit
• Include	• Touch	• Care		• Forget	<ul><li>Astonish</li></ul>	• Depend
• Contain	• Feel	• Mind		• Remember	• Please	• Matter
		• Want		• Imagine	• Impress	
		• Appreciate		• Mean	• Surprise	
				• Agree	• Concern	
	16 26 2 K			<ul> <li>Understand</li> </ul>		

### PAST SIMPLE

- When we give a period of time, we use the Past Simple, not 'used to' or 'would':
- He used to live on an island.
- He lived on the island for six months.
- NOT: He used to live on the island for six months.
- ■! Saying how many times we did something, we can use PS, or used to, or would.
- **■** Compare:
- He used to do gym twice a week.
- She read that book twice.
- When I was young, I would play video games for hours.

#### LET'S PRACTISE

Choose the correct option. In one of the sentences both answers are right.

- 1. In the past everything **used to/would** be cheaper.
- 2. When I was five, I **used to/would** not like to go the nursery school.
- 3. Once my friend **used to meet/met** a famous boxer.
- 4. My brother **used to live/lived** in France for a month.
- 5. We didn't use to/wouldn't wear a uniform at High school.
- 6. In the evening she **used to write/would** write in her diary.