

**A. Look at the collection of famous British people's school reports.**

Princess Diana  
Mother of Princes William and Harry

*She must try to  
be less emotional  
... with others.*

Winston Churchill  
Prime Minister (1940-45)

*Constantly late for school  
and always losing his  
books and papers.*

John Lennon  
Member of the Beatles (1960-69)

*He is... a clown in  
class and wastes  
other pupils' time.*

Helen Fielding  
Author of Bridget Jones's Diary

*Helen must learn not to  
use such flowery language.*

**Put the correct names in these sentences.**

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ didn't use to get to school on time.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ used to make the other children laugh.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ used to use very complicated vocabulary.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ used to cry a lot at school.

**B. Read the people's web postings about their childhood beliefs.**

I used to think my grandmother was inside the telephone. I'd hear her voice and say, 'Come out, Gran!' but she never did. – Cam from New Zealand

When I was little, I used to believe there were little men inside the television and I used to get close to the TV and turn it on and off to see if I could hear the little men working inside it ... And I still don't understand how it works. – Leonardo from Costa Rica

When I was a little girl, I lived in a very big neighbourhood and we shared a garden and a pool between forty-eight houses. There were a lot of children around my age and we all used to play together, and we'd often swim in the pool. But there was one boy about five years older than us and he told me once, when I was swimming in the pool, "I hope you know that if you're alone in the pool, there's a shark that will come out of the light bulb and get you." I was terrified, and up until today - I'm twenty-five now - I still get nervous if I'm in a pool alone and I always check the light to make sure there's no shark. – Natalie from Trinidad and Tobago

When I was little, I used to believe the moon followed me and my family everywhere we went. When we went to my uncle's, the moon would come with us. When we went on holiday, the moon would be there. I was so surprised when I told my friend and she said it followed her, too. How could the moon follow me and her at the same time when we weren't together? - Raquel from Mexico

When I was about six years old, I used to believe that monsters lived under my bed. I'd jump out of bed so they couldn't get me. Later I decided they just wanted to be friends and felt bored under the bed. After that, I'd always leave a book under my bed so they could read it while I slept. – Dave from England

C. Underline all the instances of 'used to' and 'would' ('d). Then make an observation. What are the verbs that follow these items?

used to ...	would ...

D. Complete the Rules 1 and 2 with 'used to' or 'would'.

1 We can use both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to talk about actions: go, come, look, jump...

2 We can only use \_\_\_\_\_ to talk about states: believe, be, have, live, think, like, hate...

E. Which sentences can you complete with: 'used to/would' or only 'used to'

When I was a child, ...

1 I used to / would **play** in the woods near my house after school.

2 I used to **like** swimming in the sea. Now I find it too cold.

3 I \_\_\_\_\_ **have** a wonderful red bicycle.

4 I \_\_\_\_\_ **live** in a small village in the countryside.

5 I \_\_\_\_\_ **walk** to school with my best friend every day.

6 I \_\_\_\_\_ **read** one or two comic books every week. I loved reading.

7 I \_\_\_\_\_ **believe** the moon was a light bulb in the sky.

8 I \_\_\_\_\_ **talk** to my toys all the time.

9 I \_\_\_\_\_ **go** to dance and exercise classes after school.

10 I \_\_\_\_\_ **buy** sweets at a wonderful little shop near my home.

F. Use the highlighted verbs in (E) to write two sentences about your childhood.

When I was little, \_\_\_\_\_

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