

A. Read the website posts about childhood beliefs.

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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 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

E. In the following exercise, select one item if the other one cannot be used.

When I was a child...

- 1 I *used to* / *would* **like** swimming in the sea. Now I find it too cold.
- 2 I *used to* / *would* **play** in the woods near my house after school.
- 3 I *used to* / *would* **have** a wonderful red bicycle.
- 4 I *used to* / *would* **live** in a small village in the countryside.
- 5 I *used to* / *would* **walk** to school with my best friend every day.
- 6 I *used to* / *would* **believe** the moon was a light bulb in the sky.
- 7 I *used to* / *would* **buy** sweets at a wonderful little shop near my home.
- 8 Every time it was her turn, she *would* / *use to* pretend to be sick.
- 9 I *would* / *used to* have black hair. Now I have purple hair.
- 10 Didn't he *use to* / *used to* live near you?
- 11 My parents *got* / *would get* married in Singapore.
- 12 My sister *would* / *used to* love kitchen work, and now she makes cooking videos.
- 13 The store *went* / *used to go* out of business, so now I shop online.

B. Circle 'used to' and 'would'.

Note that 'would' may be in its abbreviated form ('d)

C. Observe in the posts. What are some of the verbs that follow these words?

- used to _____
- used to _____
- used to _____
- would _____
- would _____
- would _____

D. Complete the rules with 'used to' or 'would'.

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

We can use _____ / _____ to talk about actions: play, go, look, sing, come, jump...

F. Write two sentences about your childhood.

When I was little,
