

Inglés Intermedio 22

Otro uso de would
(Past habits)



GRAMMAR: Otro uso de would

Hasta ahora conocemos el uso de **WOULD** para formar el modo **CONDICIONAL**

→ I **would buy** a new car **if I had** enough money.

(Compraría un coche nuevo si tuviera suficiente dinero).

Pero existe otro uso muy común entre los angloparlantes que vamos a explicar.

Se trata de **su uso para hablar de hábitos pasados**.

Como sabéis, en general, el pasado simple en inglés se corresponde con dos tiempos verbales en español:

SIMPLE PAST I played	PRETÉRITO INDEFINIDO Yo jugué PRETÉRITO IMPERFECTO Yo jugaba
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Normalmente, por el contexto se deduce la traducción.

Yesterday I **played** basketball (ayer **jugué** al baloncesto).

My sister **played** basketball very well (mi hermana **jugaba** al baloncesto muy bien).

Pero no siempre el matiz queda claro. Por ejemplo:

→ In the past I **ate** sushi

¿Qué quiero decir exactamente?

En el pasado **comí** sushi

¿lo hice en una sola ocasión?



En el pasado **comía** sushi

¿lo comía con frecuencia porque vivía en japon?

Para solucionar este problema contamos con la ayuda de :

USED TO y **WOULD**

Las dos expresiones se utilizan para hablar sobre **acciones recurrentes en el pasado**.

In the past...

I **would play** basketball every Monday / I **used to play** basketball every Monday

Las dos expresiones significan

En el pasado, yo **jugaba**, o yo **solía jugar** al baloncesto todos los lunes

WOULD	USED TO
<p>- se utiliza sólo con verbos de acción (walk, run, play, etc.) y generalmente en acciones que se realizaban de forma habitual o repetitiva.</p> <p>· <i>When I was young I would <u>play</u> tennis.</i></p> <p>● <i>No se utiliza en oraciones negativas e interrogativas</i></p> <p>● <i>No se utiliza con verbos de estado (be, have, live, like...)</i></p>	<p>- tiene el mismo uso que would pero se utiliza con cualquier tipo de verbo.</p> <p>- <i>When I was young I used to <u>play</u> tennis and I also used to <u>be</u> happy.</i></p> <p>- También suele expresar la idea de un hábito del pasado que ya no existe en el presente.</p> <p><i>We used to go to London in the summer / Solíamos ir a Londres en verano (actualmente ya no vamos a Londres en verano)</i></p>

Como véis en este contexto, **would no tiene nada que ver con la forma condicional**.

Hacemos unos ejercicios para afianzar:

<p>When I was young we ___ in a big house in the countryside.</p> <p>- would live</p> <p>- used to live</p> <p>On summer mornings my brother and I ___ while everyone else was asleep.</p> <p>- used to go fishing</p> <p>- have fished</p> <p>We ___ hours fishing in a small boat belonging to my grandmother.</p> <p>- would spend</p> <p>- didn't use to spend</p> <p>My brother ___ the names of all the different types of fish that were in the river.</p> <p>- would know</p> <p>- used to know</p> <p>We would often fall asleep in the boat and our father ___ to find us.</p> <p>- would come</p> <p>- was coming</p> <p>But Dad ___ angry because he had done the same when he was a kid.</p> <p>- wouldn't get</p> <p>- didn't use to get</p> <p>Once I ___ an enormous fish. I was so happy!</p> <p>- used to catch</p> <p>- caught</p>

I ___ a really sporty person.

- **used to be**

- ~~would be~~

In my first year at university, I ___ for an hour every morning before breakfast.

- ~~have run~~

- **would run**

Then I ___ the university boxing team and I really started to train hard.

- ~~used to join~~

- **joined**

During that time, I ___ to spend at least two hours in the gym every day.

- **used to like**

- ~~would like~~

When I started my training, I ___ my diet completely.

- ~~would change~~

- **changed**

I ___ three eggs with toast and fruit for breakfast.

- ~~have had~~

- **used to have**

I ___ sugar in my tea because it wasn't on my diet plan.

- **didn't use to have**

- ~~wouldn't have~~

But then I ___ my arm and that was the end of my boxing career!

- ~~would break~~

- **broke**

Lo vemos en una redacción que he preparado sobre las navidades en mi infancia:



when I was a child

I have very good memories of Christmas time when I was a child. I remember having dinner at my grandparents' every December 24th. The whole family used to be there. My parents and siblings, my uncles, aunts, cousins, and sometimes a neighbour, a boyfriend, a girlfriend or any other relative who had decided to come without warning. There was always room for everyone. This is something that surprises me now. My grandparents' flat was not large, but I never had the feeling of being crowded or hearing a lot of noise.

Something that I don't remember is watching my grandmother cooking. I think she avoided doing it because she didn't like cooking. My mother and aunt were the ones who used to be in charge of that matter. We always had the same meal: red cabbage with raisins, pine nuts and mashed potatoes as starter, and lamb or chicken for main course.

My grandfather used to make gazpacho for everyone, the kind of gazpacho that people used to have in the past. That one which is made with small pieces of tomato, cucumber, garlic, cumin and lots of water. It was a strange habit for winter time, but we used to have that gazpacho every single year while my grandfather was alive. When he died, I inherited the blue glass container that he would use to make gazpacho. I still have it at home. I prepare salads in it and I always remember my grandfather when I use it.

My grandmother had a very particular Bethlehem portal. No figure matched the others. There were things of all kinds. The baby Jesus was too big compared to Saint Joseph and the Virgin Mary. There were Indians, cowboys, a porcelain cat, a plastic monkey, a ghost... We always waited impatiently for the day she placed it in her living room, because there were new things every year, all of them unexpected and funny.

My grandparents also used to prepare gifts for all their grandchildren. Well, they would say that those who brought the gifts were the Three Wise Men, who went to his house on the night of December 24th because they did not have time to attend to all the children on January 6th.

The Three Wise Men always got into my grandparents' house through a window in a room at the end of the hall. My grandmother tied a rope from the window to make it easier for the Kings to enter. It wasn't until later that I realized that my grandparents lived on the fourth floor of a building and the rope was too short for the kings to climb from the street. As a child you don't question those things. My grandfather would hide under the bed and make noise. Then my grandmother would say: Listen, listen! Don't open the door yet! They have already arrived! And then we would enter and there used to be a small package with the name of each one. They were simple gifts: a piggy bank, some pencils, doll cutouts, some candies ... I remember running to the window expecting to see the Kings in the street with their camels. But I never did. I also never saw my grandfather getting out from under the bed. I remember those days with great nostalgia.

My grandparents died years ago and although the rest of the family still eat dinner together, Christmas will never be the same.

Soluciones actividades sesión 21

- 1.-  **My boss told me I have to work on Saturday**
(Say something - say hello, say my name, say something in French;
Tell someone something (tell me your name, tell him I love him))
- 2.-  **I'm 24 (years old).**
(We don't say 'have years' in English.)
- 3.-  **Your dad phoned you an hour ago.**
(Ago often goes together with the past simple tense)
- 4.-  **There is always bad news in the newspapers.**
(‘News’ has an ‘s’ but it is a single uncountable noun)
- 5.-  **Nicole Kidman acts really well.**
(She’s a good actress!)
- 6.-  **Why aren't you hungry?**
- 7.-  **My friend has a son who looks like Brad Pitt.**
(Use which for things, not people.)
- 8.-  **Samantha and David have been living in Spain for 9 years.**
(Present perfect tense – from the past until now)
- 9.-  **Do you know when that book was published?**
- 10.-  **I must buy some milk before mum gets here.**
(Don't put ‘to’ after modal verbs – must, can, should, might etc)
- 11.-  **Let me give you some good advice; Never get married!**
(‘advice’ is an uncountable noun – ‘some advice’ / ‘a piece of advice’)
- 12.-  **I can't pass this stupid exam. I don't have enough vocabulary.**
(word order – enough + noun)
- 13.-  **I don't drink alcohol. I don 't like the taste.**
(Use the present simple tense to talk about habits and general things)
- 14.-  **Nearly everyone/everybody in Spain likes rice.**
(remember the ‘s’ – ‘Everyone likes...’)
- 15.-  **I am looking forward to receiving the information as soon as possible.**
(look forward to + gerund)
- 16.-  **Elisa has never/hasn't ever been abroad.**
(We don 't usually put two negatives together in the same sentence)