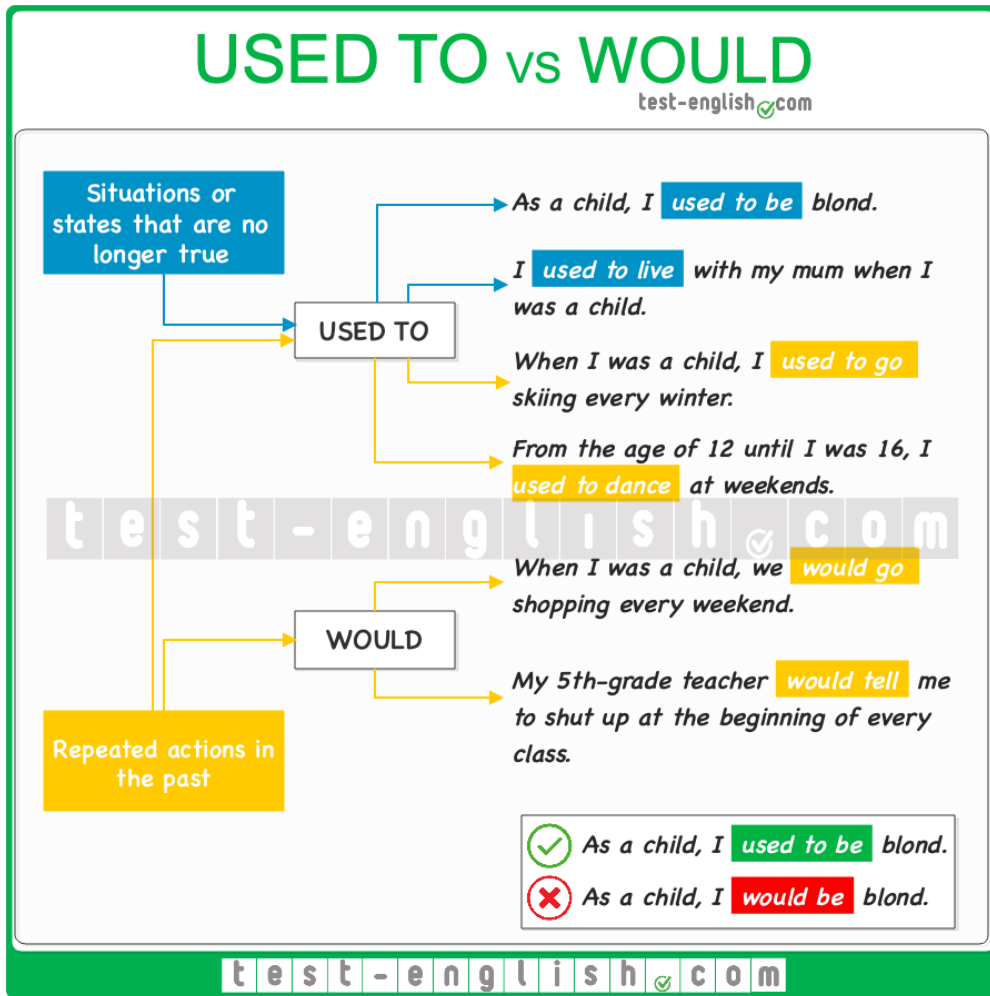


USED TO & WOULD



Used to + infinitive

Repeated actions in the past

We can use **used to + infinitive** to talk about **things** that **we did repeatedly** in the past.

- *When I was a child, I **used to go** skiing every winter.*
- *From the age of 12 till I was 16, I **used to dance** at weekends.*
- *I **didn't use to smoke** before I got this job.*

Situations or states that are no longer true

We can use **used to** + infinitive to talk about situations or states (stative verbs) which were true in the past but are no longer true.

- *As a child, I **used to be** blond.*
- *I **used to live** with my mum when I was a child.*

Would + infinitive

Repeated actions in the past

We can use **would** + infinitive to talk about **things** that **we repeatedly did** in the past.

- *Every Saturday we **would go** to the shopping centre with my parents.*
- *My 5th-grade teacher **would tell** me to shut up at the beginning of every class.*

Situations or states that are no longer true

We can NOT use **would** to talk about situations or states (stative verbs) which are no longer true.

- *I **would be** blond as a child. ❌*
- *I **used to be** blond as a child. ✅*