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3.14 Family stories.

* Describe family memories with “used to and would”.



**Complete the sentences. Use the correct forms of the verbs given.
Sometimes there is more than one correct answer**

- 1. I want my children _____ (make) good decisions for themselves.**
- 2. I don't let my kids _____ (play) computer games before bedtime. It makes them _____ (sleep) badly.**
- 3. I usually make my teenagers _____ (clean up) the kitchen after meals.**
- 4. I want to get my kids _____ (eat) well. They're always eating junk food.**
- 5. I usually tell my kids _____ (do) their homework before dinner, but I don't help them _____ (do) it.**

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6. I'm always asking them _____ (turn off) the lights in the house.

7. I have them _____ (shut down) their computers at night.

8. I'm always telling my kids _____ (be) careful when they go out.

9. I always have my kids _____ (write) thank-you letters when they get a gift.

10. We often help our sons _____ (study) for exams. We make up games for them.

Listen to the next conversations, What memories do these people have?



My happiest memory is of my great-grandmother. She always used to keep candy in her pockets, and she'd always give us some when we came to visit. My dad used to tease us and say, "Grandma. don't give them any candy!" But she did anyway.



My sister and brother-in-law used to live next door. I'm only a little older than my sister's kids so I kind of grew up with my niece and nephew. I used to go over there a lot and we'd play together. I was their favorite aunt.



Use “used to” for regular activities or situations In the past that don't happen now or are no longer true.

- I used to go over to my sister's house a lot.
- My grandmother used to keep candy in her pockets.
- The five of us used to play on a team.

- Negatives and questions with use to are less common.

- I didn't use to like jazz.
- What kind of music did you use to like?



All my aunts and uncles used to come over for Sunday dinner. and there were always about 12 of us around a gigantic table. My cousins and I would crawl under it during dinner and play. I'm an only child, so it was nice to be part of a big extended family.



I used to love playing basketball with my four brothers. I grew up in a blended family, with two stepbrothers and two half brothers. After my parents got divorced, my father married a woman with two sons and they had two more kids together. Anyway, the five of us used to play on a team and we would always win

- Use would or 'd for regular activities in the past.

- I'd play with my niece and nephew.
- She'd always give us some .
- We would always win.

- Don't use would for situations in the past.



My sister used to live next door.
(NOT My sister not I'd live next door.)

What family memories do you have? Complete each sentence and add a sentence with would.

1. My family used to go to **the beach** in the summer. *We'd go almost every weekend*
2. My mother used to make _____ for us.
3. My brother // sister and I used to play _____ together.
4. My family used to watch _____ on TV.
5. I used to see my aunts, uncles, and cousins _____
6. My family always used to _____ on Sundays.
7. My parents didn't use to _____ on weekends.

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