

## **‘Would’ to talk about the past** example sentences

Listen to the accompanying MP3 and read these sentences. This will train your brain to master **‘would’ to talk about the past**.

You believed in Santa for a long time! Even when you were a teenager, you **would** write him a letter and ask for gifts.

Do you remember when we stayed on that beautiful island? We **would** watch the sunset every evening and fall asleep on the beach.

At university, the lecturers **would** bombard us with huge amounts of information, then expect us to remember it.

Everyone remembers you as the smart one at school. You **would** sit quietly in the corner and you **would** always ask questions.

Before the 20th century, people **would** eat much more simple things than we do nowadays.

Most people **would** simply walk or use a stagecoach to get around before the invention of the car.

Do you remember when we first got the internet in the 90s? We **would** dial a number to make a connection, then we **would** wait in anticipation to be connected.

You were really energetic as a youngster. Every time you got home from school, you **would** race out of the door to go and play for a few hours. You never stopped!

Up until a few years ago, Peter **would** go cycling every day. Nowadays he never uses his bike.

I loved living in Australia. We **would** always walk around in a t-shirt and shorts, and every evening we **would** eat outside.

When I was a kid at school, all the kids **would** rejoice when a lesson got cancelled.

At my previous workplace, my colleagues **would** all take a nap at their desks during lunchtime. It energised them for the afternoon.

Pat: Paul told me that you used to live in Japan. How was it?

Gemma: It was amazing. We **would** eat fresh sushi every day.

This school is so open and relaxed. At my previous school the teachers **would** punish us just for talking once in class.

Before she became famous, Madonna **would** practice singing and dancing in front of a mirror every day.

I was terrified of the dark as a child. I **would** always leave my bedroom light on. After I fell asleep, my mum **would** creep in and turn the light off.

The kids didn't like the aquarium very much. Every time they saw a big creature, they **would** run away and scream.

When Tommy was a child, he **would** always refuse to eat fruit or vegetables. Now he can't get enough of them!

When we were at university, you **would** always complete your assignments on time. You were such a punctual student.

Before her business became a success, Lisa **would** work 18 hours a day and **would** often sleep in her office.