

Present and past habits

1 Read the sentences about Max when he was younger and choose the correct option, A, B or C.

1 ___ to be a messy boy?

- A Did Max used B Was Max used C Did Max use

2 Yes! Max ___ very tidy.

- A wouldn't be B didn't use to be C wasn't being

3 He ___ a mess in the bedroom. The room was never tidy!

- A always makes B use to make C was always making

4 His sister, who shared the room with him, ___ really annoyed with him.

- A used to get B will get C use to get

5 He had problems at school, too. 'He ___ draw all lesson! This must stop!' said his teachers.

- A would B used to C will

6 The teachers ___ him questions, but he never answered them.

- A would ask B will ask C use to be asking

7 'He ___ distracted in class!' they said to the head teacher.

- A is always gets B is always getting C always use to get

8 Max is older now and he's a professional artist. He ___ his studio neat and tidies it every day!

- A keeps B used to keep C would keep

2 Complete the text about Max with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.

When Max was younger, he ¹ _____ (*draw – would*) cartoons all the time. ² _____ (*he / be – used to*) untidy? Yes! He ³ _____ (*not be – used to*) well-organised. His sister ⁴ _____ (*tell – Past Continuous + always*) him to clean up his mess.

At school, Max ⁵ _____ (*not be – Past Simple*) noisy in class, but he spent his time drawing during lessons, and that annoyed his teachers. They often complained: 'He ⁶ _____ (*draw – will*) all the time!' they said. And they ⁷ _____ (*send – Present Continuous + always*) him to the head teacher's office.

Today, Max is a famous cartoonist. He is always tidy and he ⁸ _____ (*not leave – Present Simple*) things everywhere!

3 Write a short text about your present and past habits. Try to use the following structures: Present Simple and Continuous, Past Simple and Continuous, *used to*, *will*, and *would*.

Answer key

1

1 C

2 B

3 C

4 A

5 C

6 A

7 B

8 A

2

1 would draw

2 Did he use to be

3 didn't use to be

4 was always telling

5 wasn't

6 will draw

7 were always sending

8 doesn't leave

3

Model answer

When I was in primary school, I used to like the lessons, but I enjoyed break the most! I would play with my friends and have fun. We were very loud! We were always making a lot of noise in the playground. Now that I'm in high school, I've changed.

I always sit with my friends during break. We don't run around, but we aren't quiet. We're always laughing!