

Activity Type

Grammar and Speaking Game: forming sentences, guessing (group work)

Focus

Used to

Didn't use to

Getting used to

Would and wouldn't

Aim

To describe changes that have happened in your life using *used to*, *didn't use to*, *getting used to*, *would* and *wouldn't*.

Preparation

Make one copy of the cards for each group of four and cut as indicated.

Level

Upper-intermediate (B2)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this *used to* and *would* game, students describe and guess changes that have happened using *used to*, *didn't use to*, *getting used to*, *would* and *wouldn't*.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of four.

Give each group a set of cards.

Ask the students to shuffle the cards and deal them out equally.

Tell the students to keep their cards secret.

Explain that each card shows a change that has happened in the student's life.

The students' task is to form sentences that demonstrate that change using *used to*, *didn't use to*, *getting used to*, *would* and *wouldn't*.

Give the students time to read their cards and think about what they are going to say.

Students should think of sentences that don't easily give away the change.

Students then take turns choosing one of their cards and making sentences, describing the change on the card using forms of *used to* and *would*.

The other students listen and try to guess the change.

The first student to guess correctly wins the card.

The student with the most cards at the end of the game wins.



You have just become famous.

You have switched careers.

You have started a new relationship.

You have just retired.

You have just purchased a car.

You have recently adopted a pet.

You have won the lottery.

You have started working from home.

You have lost a significant amount of weight.

You have learned to play the guitar really well.

You have become a parent.

You have just graduated from university.

You have adopted a healthier lifestyle.

You have stopped drinking alcohol.

You have become a vegetarian.

You have recently started living alone.

You have started volunteering regularly.

You have moved to a different country.

You have just bought a house.

You have just become an English Teacher.