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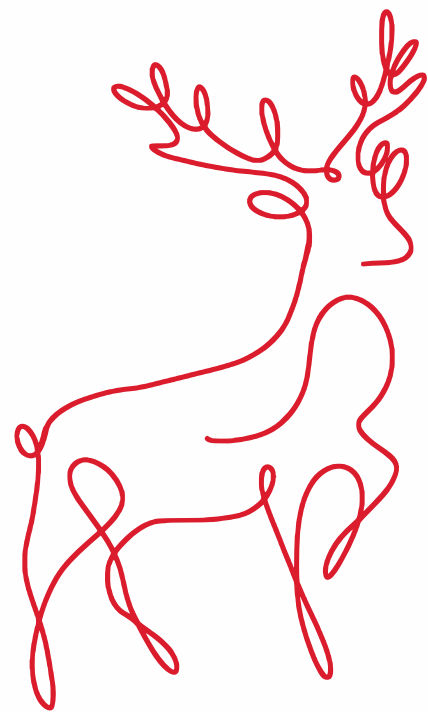
Speak about your childhood
Christmas memories in English
using

Would & Used to

Talking about your childhood Christmas memories is a great way to get more comfortable with different ways of speaking about the past.

You'll naturally find yourself using past tense as you chat about what you did and who you were with.

Remember those traditions that have changed as you grew up? That's where "used to" comes into play.

And let's not forget about those activities that always seemed to happen if something else did first—like playing games after opening presents. For those, "would" is your go-to word.

It's like a trip down memory lane, but you're also getting some grammar practice in—talk about hitting two birds with one stone!

Happy Grammar!

Past Simple

Past Tense: The past tense is used to describe actions that have already been completed.

In the context of Christmas, you could talk about what you did last year or describe a particular memory.

- **Example**: "Last Christmas, I gave you my heart."
- **Explanation**: This sentence tells us that the action of giving happened last Christmas and is now completed.

Used to

Used To: This expression is used to describe habitual actions in the past that no longer occur in the present. It's a way to reminisce about Christmas traditions that have changed over time.

- **Example**: "We used to bake cookies for Santa on Christmas Eve."
- **Explanation**: This means that baking cookies for Santa was a recurring event in the past, but it's implied that this doesn't happen anymore.
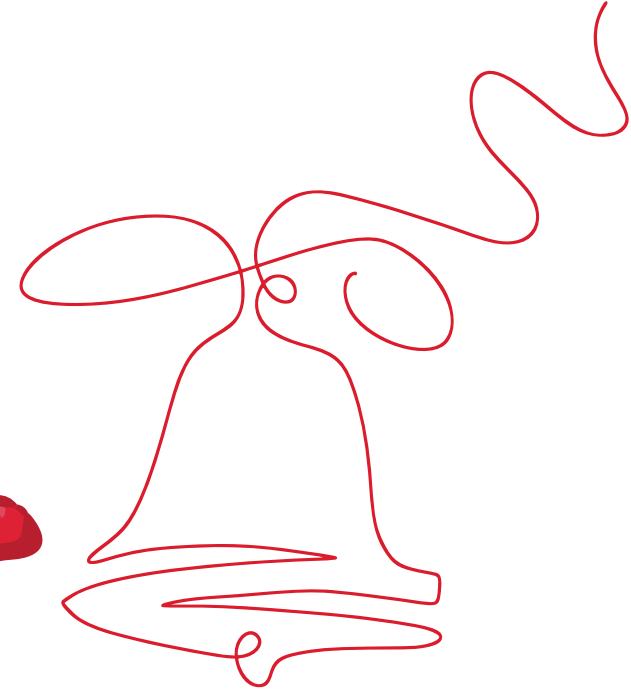
Would

Would: Similar to "used to," "would" can describe recurring actions in the past; however, "would" often implies that the action was more conditional and less of a habit.

It is generally used for actions that are more dependent on specific circumstances.

- **Example**: "After opening presents, we would always play board games."
- **Explanation**: The action of playing board games is conditional on having opened the presents. Unlike "used to," the use of "would" does not necessarily imply that the action no longer happens.

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