

What is the Modal Verb Would?

Worksheet

Would is a modal verb that expresses repeated past actions, polite requests, or conditional situations. Form: would + base verb (e.g., 'I would help you').

Questions

1. Which sentence uses would correctly?

- A) She would goes to the beach every summer.
- B) I would help you if I could.
- C) He would helping me right now.
- D) They would studies hard last year.

2. What is the polite way to request using would?

- A) Give me the pen.
- B) Can you give me the pen?
- C) Would you give me the pen?
- D) You give me the pen.

3. In a second conditional, which form follows would?

- A) past simple
- B) base verb
- C) past participle
- D) present simple

4. What does 'She would practice piano every evening' express?

- A) Something happening now
- B) A repeated past habit
- C) A future plan
- D) An impossibility

5. When I was young, I would go to the park every day. What does this express?

6. Would you be able to help me tomorrow?

7. If I had more time, I would learn Spanish.

8. Define: What does modal would express?

9. Define: Form of would

10. Define: Polite question with would

Answer Key

1. B) I would help you if I could. — Would + base verb is correct. 'I would help you if I could' is a proper conditional.
2. C) Would you give me the pen? — Would you...? is the most polite form of request in English.
3. B) base verb — Would + base verb (infinitive without 'to') is the correct form.
4. B) A repeated past habit — Would + verb often expresses a repeated action in the past.
5. This expresses a repeated past habit or action. The action happened regularly in the past. Now it may or may not happen.
6. This is a polite request using would. Would + you makes it more polite than 'Can you?' It's a conditional or future possibility.
7. This is a conditional (second conditional). If + past simple, would + base verb. It shows an imagined situation (hypothetical).
8. Repeated past habits, polite requests, and conditional/hypothetical situations.
9. Would + base verb (without 'to'). Example: would go, would help, would say.
10. Would you...? It's more polite than 'Will you?' or 'Can you?'

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