

(1) OKAY, so I had a student, last week, ask me, HOW TO USE WOULD?

(2) You use it to make POLITE REQUESTS

**Would** you like to eat with us today?

And how many **would** you like?

**Would** it be okay if I took your daughter to a movie?

It's been a long day for you. **Wouldn't** you like some rest?

(3) We also use WOULD to make CONDITIONAL statements.

For example: IF I WON A MILLION BUCKS...

...I **would** buy a mansion.

...I **would** travel the world.

IF YOU WERE IN MY SHOES...

...you **would** have quit five weeks ago.

...you **wouldn't** know what to do either!

(4) And we use WOULD to talk about past events that happened consistently

When we were kids, we **would** get ice-cream every Sunday in the summer.

When Abraham Lincoln had his first job, he **would** take account of every penny. And he was known as "honest Abe".

When I was a teen I **would** sneak out of the house through my bedroom window.

All through college they **would** eat hot dogs and Ramen noodles just to get by.

**(5) WOULD is also used to talk about PAST BELIEFS of the future. In other words, when you were in the past, you thought about the future**

When we were kids, we thought we **would** ride flying cars in 2020.

I really thought your team **would** win.

They were thinking the product **would** take on a life of its own.

They knew that all their hard work **would** pay off.

**(6) So, how do we use WOULD?**

- (1) We use it to make polite requests.**
- (2) We use it to make polite responses.**
- (3) We use it to make conditional statements.**
- (4) We use it to talk about past events that happened consistently.**
- and finally,**
- (5) To talk about past beliefs of the future.**