

The story of the seed is a good example of the past perfect continuous tense.

The seed had been growing quickly, when the sun became strong.

8 Who does the seed / plant represent?

What does the sun becoming strong represent?

We use used to for past situations and repeated actions which do not now exist- e.g. She used to go to church.

9 Make up sentences using used to about the people represented by the plant growing on stony ground.

We use would for past repeated actions which no longer happen- e.g. My dad would wash the car and go to church each Sunday morning.

10 People who respond to God's word often get into good habits- and then lose them when problems arise. Make up some sentences about these people, using would- remembering the story about the plant growing on the stony ground.

When I first became a Christian and accepted Jesus into my life I was really eager to learn all I could about him. I would get up early each morning and spend time praying and reading God's word before I went to work. I used to go to Church on Sunday nights and to Bible study on Tuesdays.

Then my girlfriend from church left me for another guy. I was devastated. I stopped going to church because I couldn't stand seeing her there.

A few months have passed and I still pray when I remember to, but don't study my Bible like I used to.

I know there is a God, and I still call myself a Christian, but I don't have a living relationship with God any more.

