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# Would you like to learn about 'would'?

Where exactly

is the word would used in a sentence?

#### Talking about the future things

 I think his mother won't let him go to the party tomorrow.

Talking about a habitual action in the past Usually in negative format

 His mother wouldn't let him go to the party when he was in college. From now on I won't watch movies.

 I took a decision last year that I wouldn't watch movies anymore. When I lived in Japan, I would take English lessons three times a week.

 When we were children, we would go to the beach every summer.

### **Conditional sentences**

If I had gone to bed earlier,
I wouldn't have been so tired.

 If the train hadn't been late, we would have arrived on time. • I wish that he wouldn't smoke so much.

I wish you would come to see me more often.

I would have helped you.
I didn't know you needed help.

 I would have called you, but I didn't know your number.

= I wanted to call you but I didn't know your number, so I didn't call you.

 I would have gone to the party, but I was really busy.

> = I wanted to go to the party, but I didn't because I was busy.

We would like some coffee.

She would rather go to the prayer.

I would prefer to leave immediately.

#### To ask someone for something in a more polite manner

• Will you please help me?

casual

• Would you please help me?

• Would you mind helping me?

More polite

Direct speech: I will be there at 6pm.

Reported speech: She said that she would be there at 6pm.

Direct speech: "I will pay for the food," said Tom.

Reported speech: Tom said that he would pay for the food.

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