



USED TO, WOULD & BE/GET USED TO

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1. Learn the Grammar

These expressions are different from used to for past habits.

Be used to + noun or -ing verb

This means something is familiar or normal for you. It is not strange or difficult anymore.

- I'm used to the hot weather.
- She's used to working at night.
- They are used to living in a busy city.

Get used to + noun or -ing verb

This means the process of becoming familiar with something new.

- I'm getting used to my new job.
- He got used to driving on the left.
- It took me a month to get used to living alone.

Remember the forms:

- used to + base verb: I used to work at night.
- be used to + noun/-ing: I'm used to working at night.
- get used to + noun/-ing: I'm getting used to working at night.

Compare:

- I used to wake up early. (It was my past habit.)
- I'm used to waking up early. (It feels normal now.)
- I'm getting used to waking up early. (I'm still adjusting.)

2. Choose the Correct Form

1. I used to (live / living) in Bangkok.
2. She is used to (work / working) long hours.
3. They are getting used to (drive / driving) on the left.
4. He didn't use to (eat / eating) breakfast.
5. We got used to (the noise / noisy) after a few weeks.
6. I'm not used to (get / getting) up so early.
7. Did you use to (play / playing) tennis?
8. It took her a while to get used to (her new school / she new school).

3. Complete the Sentences

Use the correct form of used to, be used to, or get used to. Use the verb in brackets where given.

1. I _____ (live) near the sea, but now I live in the city.
2. She works nights, so she _____ (work) while other people are sleeping.
3. At first, driving on the left was difficult, but now I'm _____ it.
4. He _____ (not / like) coffee, but now he drinks it every day.
5. We moved to a noisy street last month. We are still _____ (sleep) with traffic outside.
6. Did you _____ (wear) glasses when you were younger?
7. I wasn't comfortable speaking English, but I'm slowly _____ (speak) it at work.
8. My grandparents _____ (live) in this house before they moved to the coast.

4. Rewrite the Sentences

Rewrite each sentence using the expression in brackets. Keep the same meaning.

1. Working from home is normal for me now. (be used to)

2. I lived in a village in the past, but I live in a city now. (used to)

3. The new computer system was strange at first, but it is becoming familiar. (get used to)

4. She found the cold weather difficult at first, but now it feels normal. (be used to)

5. He didn't have a car in the past. (didn't use to)

6. _____

5. Speaking – Getting Used to Change

Discuss these questions with a partner.

1. Have you ever moved to a new town or country? What was difficult at first?
2. Are you used to getting up early?
3. What new technology have you had to get used to?
4. Is there anything about your daily routine that you would like to change?
5. How long does it usually take you to get used to a new job or school?
6. What advice would you give someone who is finding it difficult to adjust to a new place?

REAL ENGLISH BOX

- "I'm still getting the hang of it." = I'm still learning how to do it.
- "You'll get used to it." = It will become familiar over time.
- "It took a bit of getting used to." = It was strange or difficult at first.
- "I'm not quite there yet." = I haven't fully learned or adjusted to it.

Teacher's Key

Activity 2

1. live
2. working
3. driving
4. eat
5. the noise
6. getting
7. play
8. her new school

Activity 3 — Suggested answers

1. used to live
2. is used to working
3. getting used to
4. didn't use to like
5. getting used to sleeping
6. use to wear
7. getting used to speaking
8. used to live

Activity 4 — Suggested answers

1. I'm used to working from home.
2. I used to live in a village.
3. I'm getting used to the new computer system.
4. She is used to the cold weather.
5. He didn't use to have a car.