

BE USED TO / GET USED TO

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Remember this

- be used to + noun / -ing: something feels familiar or normal.
- get used to + noun / -ing: the process of becoming familiar with something.
- Both expressions can be used in different tenses. Here, to is a preposition, so use a noun or an -ing form after it.

A. The adjustment diary

Read each diary entry. Complete the sentences using the correct form of be used to or get used to, with the verb in brackets.

Week 1: I moved from a quiet village to a busy city. The traffic noise was terrible.

1. I couldn't _____ (sleep) with all the noise.

Week 3: The noise doesn't bother me as much now.

2. I am slowly _____ (sleep) in a noisy environment.

Month 6: I hardly notice the traffic anymore.

3. I am now _____ (live) with the noise.

Month 8: My company has moved me to a night shift. I'm struggling again.

4. I haven't _____ (work) at night yet.

B. Find the problem

Each sentence contains one mistake involving be used to or get used to. Rewrite each sentence correctly.

5. Marta is used to work from home, so the new office feels strange.

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6. It took me weeks to be used to driving on the left.

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7. We are getting used to wake up early, but it's still difficult.

_____

C. Choose the better explanation

Circle A or B.

8. “I'm getting used to my new manager.”

A. I already feel completely comfortable with my manager.

B. I'm gradually becoming more comfortable with my manager.

9. “He's used to speaking in public.”

A. Speaking in public is familiar to him.

B. He's learning how to speak in public for the first time.

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Answer Key

1. get used to sleeping
2. getting used to sleeping
3. used to living
4. got used to working
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6. It took me weeks to get used to driving on the left.
7. We are getting used to waking up early, but it's still difficult.
8. B
9. A

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