



# USED TO



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## 1

### Presentation

**be/get used to ...**

We use the structure **be used to something** / **be used to doing something** when we say that something is normal for us, not strange or new:

I get up early every morning to go to work. It isn't something new or strange for me. **I am used to getting** up early.

"How can you live in this building? There is so much noise" "It's not a problem. **I am used to it.**"

Anu **wasn't used to** the hot weather in Greece. She is from Finland.

John is from England. He **is used to driving** on the left.

We use the structure **get used to something** / **get used to doing** something when we say that something *becomes* normal for us.

After living in Greece for a year, Anu **got used to** the hot weather.

Robert had always lived with his parents. Then he went to university and started to live alone. It was strange at first, but he **got used to it** in the end.

Sandra's new boss was very demanding at first, but she **got used to** him.

**used to do**

We say **I used to do something** when we talk about something we did regularly in the past, but do not do it now. In the negative we say **I didn't use to do something**:

**I used to live** in a large city, but now I live by the seaside. **I didn't use to go** swimming everyday.

Do not confuse this structure with **be used to doing something**.

### Dialogue

**A:** What do you think of our cold weather? **Are you used to it yet?**

**B:** Yes, I **got used to it** very quickly. **I used to live** in Canada, you know.



## 2 Be/get used to

Complete the sentences below with *be used to* or *get used to* in a suitable tense.

1. When James moved to Sweden, it took him a few years to \_\_\_\_\_ the cold weather.
2. They live in a small village. They \_\_\_\_\_ noise and pollution.
3. I come from a big city, so when I moved to the countryside, I just couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ the slow pace of life.
4. Harry is a builder. He \_\_\_\_\_ physical work.
5. Jacob's wife \_\_\_\_\_ his difficult character. They've lived together for almost 20 years.
6. Living with a flatmate was a bit strange at first. But after a while, I \_\_\_\_\_ it.
7. How was your year in London? \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ the rain in the end?

Study the situations below and create a sentence using *be/get used to + -ing*

1. When James spoke in public for the first time, he was very nervous.  
James .....
2. Paul doesn't feel tired after working 12 hours a day. He does it every day.  
Paul .....
3. After a few months, Allie became able to live alone without feeling lonely.  
After a few months, Allie .....
4. It has become much easier for Miguel to cook for more than one person.  
Miguel .....
5. When Kate started her new job, she had to get up very early. This was difficult for her.  
When Kate started her new job, she .....
6. Sam will work under stress in his new job. This will become normal for him.  
Sam .....

Now answer the following questions about you:

1. Is there anything in your work or life that you are used to (which might be strange or difficult for other people)?
2. Think of a big change in your life. What did you get used to after a while? Was there anything you couldn't get used to?
3. Think of an exotic country. Imagine that you are going to move there very soon. What would you need to get used to?



### 3 Used to do

Complete the sentences with *use(d) to* + a suitable verb:

- I \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of chocolate, but I gave it up a year ago.
- When I was a child, I \_\_\_\_\_ with my sister's toys all the time.
- Janet hardly ever goes out these days. She \_\_\_\_\_ so much time at home.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ to work by train. Now I have my own car.
- \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of textbooks when you were a student?
- There \_\_\_\_\_ a theatre next to the hotel. Now it's a department store.
- How come you speak French so well? \_\_\_\_\_ in France?
- Alan \_\_\_\_\_ German very well. I think he must be out of practice.

Look at Martin 15 years ago when he won the lottery compared to today. Write about how his lifestyle has changed using *used to* / *didn't use to* and the *present simple* or *infinitive*. Use the verbs below.

- |        |      |        |       |       |        |      |
|--------|------|--------|-------|-------|--------|------|
| afford | be   | borrow | count | date  | have   | lend |
| make   | need | smoke  | drink | think | travel |      |



- He used to drink cognac every day, but now he only drinks tea.
- He ..... a lot of money, but now he ..... very poor.
- He ..... so poor, but now he must ..... every penny.
- He ..... cigars every day, but now he cannot ..... such luxuries.
- He ..... about work, but now he ..... a job.
- He ..... all around the world, but he ..... much these days.
- He ..... a lot of women, but nowadays he ..... many friends.
- He ..... a lot of money to his friends, but now he ..... money from them.

What lifestyle changes does Martin have to get used to? Write a few sentences using the structure 'He has to get used to ....'

Talk or write about what you used to or didn't use to do when you were younger and how your lifestyle is different now.



# Key

## 2. Be/get used to

1. get used to
  2. are not used to
  3. get used to
  4. is used to
  5. is used to
  6. got used to
  7. Did you get used to
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1. James wasn't used to speaking in public.
  2. Paul is used to working 12 hours a day.
  3. After a few months, Allie got used to living alone.
  4. Miguel has got used to cooking for more than one person.
  5. When Kate started her new job, she wasn't used to getting up early.
  6. Sam will get used to working under stress in his new job.

## 3. Used to do

1. used to eat
  2. used to play
  3. didn't use to spend
  4. used to go
  5. Did you use to read
  6. used to be
  7. Did you use to live
  8. used to speak
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1. He used to have a lot of money, but now he is very poor.
  2. He didn't use to be so poor, but now he must count every penny.
  3. He used to smoke cigars every day, but now he cannot afford such luxuries.
  4. He didn't use to think about work, but now he needs a job.
  5. He used to travel all around the world, but he doesn't travel much these days.
  6. He used to date a lot of women, but nowadays he doesn't make many friends.
  7. He used to lend a lot of money to his friends, but now he borrows money from them.