

USED TO, BE USED TO, GET USED TO

USED TO + INFINITIVE

is used : for **ACTIONS** that we did regularly in the **PAST**, but that we don't do anymore

for **STATES** in the past that aren't true now

Eg. We used to travel a lot when we were younger, but we don't do now (ACTION)

I used to have a dog (STATE)

BE CAREFUL: We make the **NEGATIVE** and **QUESTIONS** forms with **USE TO** instead of **used to**

Eg. **Did** she **use to** have long hair? (QUESTION)

No, she **didn't use to** have long hair (NEGATIVE)

BE USED TO + GERUND OR A NOUN

Is used to talk about **SITUATIONS** which are **NO LONGER NEW OR UNUSUAL**. We can use it in **ALL TENSES** but only BE is conjugated.

Eg. He comes from Alaska so **he is used to cold weather** (BE USED TO + NOUN)

She is English. **She is used to driving** on the left (BE USED TO + GERUND)

They weren't used to studying alone until they went to secondary school (BE USED + GERUND)

GET USED TO + GERUND OR A NOUN

Is used to talk about **NEW SITUATIONS** which are **BECOMING FAMILIAR**. We can use it in **ALL TENSES** but only GET is conjugated.

Eg. I had a lot of problems at first with my new job, but now **I'm getting used to the company rules** (GET USED TO + NOUN)

She hasn't got used to speaking Spanish yet, but she's making progress (GET USED TO + GERUND)

BE CAREFUL: **BE USED TO** and **GET USED TO** **DON'T CHANGE** in the **NEGATIVE** and **QUESTION** FORMS

Was he used to getting up so early when HE in lived in Chicago? (QUESTION)

They weren't getting used to their new school (NEGATIVE)

1) Complete with the correct form of used to

Eg. I **used to ride** a bicycle when I was a child (ride)

Those people next door a few months ago. (live)

John a waiter, but now he is a cook. (be)

That housedifferent when my parents lived there. (look)

We the bus to work, but now we go by car. (take)

I never to the seaside when I was a teenager. (go)

I to classical music very often. (listen)

.....as much money in the past as they do now? (people/have)

She as hard as she do now. (not work)

..... to the same school as your son? (she/go)

My boss a lot, but he's much calmer now. (shout)

2) Complete with the correct form of be used to

Eg. She is from France and she is new in this country. She **isn't used to speaking** Spanish. (speak)

I've just bought a computer but I with it yet. (work)

He's learning English but heit all the time. (speak)

They at them. (people/shout)

When I lived near the railway station, I trains going past. (hear)

I lived in Italy when I was a child and I..... Italian (speak)

..... a uniform to work? (you/wear)

She starts work at 6.00 am so she early (get up)

When I start university, I at night, so I won't have any problem.
(study)

At first they felt like strangers in their new neighbourhood, but now they with
their neighbours for hours (chat)

I..... my mistakes. (not admit)

3) Complete with the correct form of get used to

Eg. He can't **get used to reading** so many books. (read)

He newspapers in English. (read) Present continuous

..... the only woman in the office? (she/be) Present perfect

She moved to the centre of town and now she the noise. Present continuous

She soon on the right when she moved to Europe (drive) Past simple

We can't in a cold country (live)

He a car very quickly (drive) Past simple

They their new teacher . Past simple

He is a sales representative, but he can't in restaurants (eat)

At first I found it hard, but I soon in public. (speak) Past simple

When I travel to Norway, I'm sure salmon. Future simple

4) Complete with used to, be used to or get used to

If she wants to lose weight, then she'll have to less. (eat)

When we were children, we on the street. (play)

Sarah is an only child. She her toys. (not/share)

She works as a teacher so she with children. (deal)

As a nurse, she night shifts.

I glasses when I was a child (wear), but now to contact lenses.

Before I had the baby I (sleep) for eight hours every night.

My sister has bought a piano. She never played any instruments before, but now she it.

He lives in the mountains so he heights.

She couldn't on her own. (live)

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1) Complete with the correct form of **used to**

Eg. I **used to ride** a bicycle when I was a child (ride)

Those people **used to live** next door a few months ago. (live)

John **used to be** a waiter, but now he is a cook. (be)

That house **used to look** different when my parents lived there. (look)

We **used to take** the bus to work, but now we go by car. (take)

I never **used to go** to the seaside when I was a teenager. (go)

I **used to listen** to classical music very often. (listen)

Did people use to have as much money in the past as they do now? (people/have)

She **didn't use to work** as hard as she does now. (not work)

Did she use to go to the same school as your son? (she/go)

My boss **used to shout** a lot, but he's much calmer now. (shout)

2) Complete with the correct form of **be used to**

Eg. She is from France and she is new in this country. She **isn't used to speaking** Spanish. (speak)

I've just bought a computer but I'm **not used to working** with it yet. (work)

He's learning English but he **isn't used to speaking** it all the time. (speak)

They **aren't used to people shouting** at them. (people/shout)

When I lived near the railway station, I **was used to hearing** trains going past. (hear)

I lived in Italy when I was a child and I **was used to speaking** Italian (speak)

Are you used to wearing a uniform to work? (you/wear)

She starts work at 6.00 am so she **is used to getting up** early (get up)

When I start university, I **will be used to studying** at night, so I won't have any problem. (study)

At first they felt like strangers in their new neighbourhood, but now they **are used to chatting** with their neighbours for hours (chat)

I'm **not used to admitting** my mistakes. (not/ admit)

3) Complete with the correct form of **get used to**

Eg. He can't **get used to reading** so many books. (read)

He **is getting used to reading** newspapers in English. (read) Present continuous

Has she got used to being the only woman in the office? (she/be) Present perfect

She moved to the centre of town and now she **is getting used to** the noise. Present continuous

She soon **got used to driving** on the right when she moved to Europe (drive) Past simple

We can't **get used to living** in a cold country (live)

He **got used to driving** a car very quickly (drive) Past simple

They **got used to** their new teacher . Past simple

He is a sales representative, but he can't **get used to eating** in restaurants (eat)

At first I found it hard, but I soon **got used to speaking** in public. (speak) Past simple

When I travel to Norway, I'm sure I **will get used to** salmon. Future simple

4) Complete with **used to, be used to or get used to**

If she wants to lose weight, then she'll have to **get used to eating** less. (eat)

When we were children, we **used to play** on the street. (play)

Sarah is an only child. She **isn't used to sharing** her toys. (not/share)

She works as a teacher so she **is used to dealing** with children. (deal)

As a nurse, she **is used to** night shifts.

I **used to wear** glasses when I was a child (wear), but now I **am used to/I'm getting used to** contact lenses.

Before I had the baby I **used to sleep** (sleep) for eight hours every night.

My sister has bought a piano. She never played any instruments before, but now she's **getting used to** it.

He lives in the mountains so he **is used to** heights.

She couldn't **get used to living** on her own. (live)