

Used To, Be Used To and Get Used To Exercises

Level: B1

Past habit, familiar now, or becoming familiar?

Used to + base verb describes a past habit or state that has changed. *Be used to + noun/-ing* means something is familiar. *Get used to + noun/-ing* means it becomes familiar over time.

Past habit: *I used to walk to school.* That was my habit before; it is different now.

Familiar situation: *I am used to walking to work.* Walking to work is normal for me now.

Change over time: *I am getting used to walking to work.* It is becoming easier or more familiar.

The form after to: After *used to* for a past habit, use the base verb. After *be/get used to*, *to* is a preposition, so use a noun or an *-ing* form.

Negative and question: For a past habit, use *didn't use to* and *Did you use to...?*. With *be used to*, change *be*: *Are you used to...?*

Exercise 1: Choose the meaning and form

Choose the form that fits the meaning of the whole sentence.

- I ___ coffee, but I stopped drinking it last year.
a) used to drink b) am used to drinking c) am getting used to drinking
- After five years here, she ___ the cold winters. They no longer bother her.
a) used to b) is used to c) is getting used to
- The new timetable feels strange, but I ___ it little by little.
a) used to b) am used to c) am getting used to
- He didn't ___ early when he was a student.
a) used to get up b) use to get up c) be used to get up
- Are you ___ on crowded trains every day?
a) used to travelling b) used to travel c) use to travelling
- When I was a child, we ___ near my grandparents, but we moved away.
a) used to living b) used to live c) got used to live

Exercise 2: Complete the expression

Type the missing form shown by the meaning. Include all words in the missing phrase.

- I ___ to school every day, but now I take the bus. (past habit: walk)
- She ___ in a noisy office now; the noise doesn't distract her. (familiar: work)
- We ___ the new software slowly. It is easier each week. (becoming familiar: use)
- He ___ vegetables, but now he enjoys them. (negative past habit: eat)

11. I ___ the early train now. I take it every morning without trouble. (familiar: take)

12. At first the city felt strange, but she ___ there. (use get used to in the past: live)

Exercise 3: Fix the used to form

Replace the incorrect phrase with the correct one. Keep the rest of the sentence.

13. I used to living near the station, but I moved away.

14. She is used to work at night; it feels normal to her.

15. He didn't used to like olives, but now he does.

16. The new job is difficult, but I am used to it gradually.

17. Are you used to drive on the left now?

18. When she was young, she was used to play outside every day, but she doesn't now.

Answer key

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1. a) used to drink
2. b) is used to
3. c) am getting used to
4. b) use to get up
5. a) used to travelling
6. b) used to live

Exercise 2: Complete the expression

7. used to walk
8. is used to working
9. are getting used to using
10. didn't use to eat / did not use to eat
11. am used to taking
12. got used to living

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