

# 4 THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX

## GRAMMAR

*be / get used to (doing) vs. used to (do)* **SB page 40**

1 ★★ Complete with the correct form of the verb given (infinitive or -ing form).

- That fast food place used to \_\_\_\_\_ my favourite French restaurant. (be)
- When I first lived in a flat I couldn't get used to \_\_\_\_\_ our neighbour's music. (hear)
- My mother has finally got used to \_\_\_\_\_ the Internet on her phone. (have)
- Pedro comes from Brazil, so he isn't used to \_\_\_\_\_ British food. (eat)
- Sheila used to \_\_\_\_\_ jeans all the time when she was a student. (wear)
- We live near the palace and we're very used to \_\_\_\_\_ members of the royal family going past. (see)
- I wonder if I'll ever get used to \_\_\_\_\_ in such a beautiful place. (live)
- When we arrived in London, we weren't used to \_\_\_\_\_ in so much traffic. (drive)

2 ★★ Circle the correct option.

When I was young I <sup>1</sup>used to / got used to play outside with my friends. My mum <sup>2</sup>used to / was used to me going out to ride my bike with them. Sometimes I was out for hours, but she <sup>3</sup>used to / got used to that, too. We often rode on mud tracks that <sup>4</sup>used to / were used to be used by motorcyclists, and they were often wet and slippery so I <sup>5</sup>used to / got used to falling off my bike a lot. And so my mum <sup>6</sup>used to / was used to seeing me covered with mud and bruises.

Now I <sup>7</sup>used to / am used to driving safely in my car and staying clean! I don't think I could <sup>8</sup>be used to / get used to riding a bike again now.

3 ★★★ Complete the sentences with the correct form of *be* or *get*.

- Julia is Mexican so she \_\_\_\_\_ used to hot weather.
- My uncle's working in Berlin, so he had to \_\_\_\_\_ used to different food.
- It never takes me long to \_\_\_\_\_ used to being in another country.
- My father lived in Italy for years, but he never \_\_\_\_\_ used to driving on the right.
- My grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ used to living in her small flat now, and she's very happy.
- Bernard grew up in Norway. As a child he \_\_\_\_\_ used to skiing to school.
- I like warm weather. I could never \_\_\_\_\_ used to very cold winters.
- People in some parts of Japan \_\_\_\_\_ used to experiencing earthquakes – they happen quite often.
- On holiday, I went to the beach every day. That's something I could easily \_\_\_\_\_ used to!

4 ★★★ Complete the statements. Make them true for you.

- When I was younger I used to \_\_\_\_\_
- When I started school it wasn't easy to get used to \_\_\_\_\_
- Now I am used to \_\_\_\_\_
- My best friend was used to \_\_\_\_\_ before I met him/her.
- My parents have never got used to \_\_\_\_\_

