

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).

- 1 That fast food place used to _____ my favourite French restaurant. (be)
- 2 When I first lived in a flat I couldn't get used to _____ our neighbour's music. (hear)
- 3 My mother has finally got used to _____ the Internet on her phone. (have)
- 4 Pedro comes from Brazil, so he isn't used to _____ British food. (eat)
- 5 Sheila used to _____ jeans all the time when she was a student. (wear)
- 6 We live near the palace and we're very used to _____ members of the royal family going past. (see)
- 7 I wonder if I'll ever get used to _____ in such a beautiful place. (live)
- 8 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 ¹used to / ¹got used to play outside with my friends. My mum ²used to / ²was used to me going out to ride my bike with them. Sometimes I was out for hours, but she ³used to / ³got used to that, too. We often rode on mud tracks that ⁴used to / ⁴were used to be used by motorcyclists, and they were often wet and slippery so I ⁵used to / ⁵got used to falling off my bike a lot. And so my mum ⁶used to / ⁶was used to seeing me covered with mud and bruises.

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

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

- 1 Julia is Mexican so she _____ used to hot weather.
- 2 My uncle's working in Berlin, so he had to _____ used to different food.
- 3 It never takes me long to _____ used to being in another country.
- 4 My father lived in Italy for years, but he never _____ used to driving on the right.
- 5 My grandmother _____ used to living in her small flat now, and she's very happy.
- 6 Bernard grew up in Norway. As a child he _____ used to skiing to school.
- 7 I like warm weather. I could never _____ used to very cold winters.
- 8 People in some parts of Japan _____ used to experiencing earthquakes – they happen quite often.
- 9 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.

1 When I was younger I used to _____

2 When I started school it wasn't easy to get used to _____

3 Now I am used to _____

4 My best friend was used to _____

before I met him/her.

5 My parents have never got used to _____

