

TO BE USED TO / USED TO

I.- Grammar Focus

Compare **I am used to doing** and **I used to do**:

I am used to (doing) something = it isn't strange or new for me:

- I'm **used to the weather** here.
- I'm **used to driving** on the left because I've lived in Britain a long time.

I used to do something = I did it regularly in the past but no longer do it. We use this only for the past (**I used ...**), not for the present. See Unit 18.

- I **used to drive** to work every day, but these days I usually go by bike.
- We **used to live** just outside the town, but now we live near the centre.

Do not confuse **I used to do** and **I am used to doing** (see Unit 61). The structures and meanings are different:

- I **used to live** alone. (= I lived alone in the past, but I no longer live alone.)
- I **am used to living** alone. (= I live alone, and it's not a problem for me because I've lived alone for some time.)

II.- Exercises

1.-

Complete the sentences with **used to** + a suitable verb.

- 1 Nicola used to travel a lot, but she doesn't go away much these days.
- 2 Sophie a motorbike, but last year she sold it and bought a car.
- 3 Our friends moved to Spain a few years ago. They in Paris.
- 4 Jackie my best friend, but we aren't friends any more.
- 5 I rarely eat ice cream now, but I it when I was a child.
- 6 It only takes me about 40 minutes to get to work now that the new road is open.
It more than an hour.
- 7 There a hotel near the airport, but it closed a long time ago.
- 8 I in a factory. It wasn't my favourite job.

2.-

Complete the sentences. Choose from the box.

- 1 Lisa used to have very long hair when she was a child.
- 2 We to watch TV a lot, but we don't have a TV any more.
- 3 Lisa works in a shop now. She a receptionist in a hotel.
- 4 What games you use to play when you were a child?
- 5 I like big cities, but now I prefer the countryside.
- 6 In your last job, how many hours a day did you to work?
- 7 I don't travel very much these days, but I used
- 8 I used to to run ten kilometres, but I can't run that far now.
- 9 These days I eat more than before. I use to eat as much.

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3.-

What do you say in these situations? Use I'm (not) used to

1 You live alone. You don't mind this. You have always lived alone.

FRIEND: Do you get lonely sometimes?

YOU: No, *I'm used to living alone.*

2 You sleep on the floor. It's OK for you. You have always slept on the floor.

FRIEND: Wouldn't you prefer to sleep in a bed?

YOU: No, I.....

3 You have to work long hours in your job. This is not a problem. You have always done this.

FRIEND: You have to work long hours in your job, don't you?

YOU: Yes, but I don't mind that. I.....

4 You've just moved from a village to a big city. It's busy and you don't like the crowds of people.

FRIEND: How do you like living here now?

YOU: It's different from living in a village. I.....