

## 6A GRAMMAR *used to, be used to, get used to*

a Circle the correct form.



**Inge**  
Madrid, Spain

I come from Germany. I <sup>1</sup>used to live / **would live** in the north, in Hamburg, but then I moved to Madrid about five years ago. I love the weather in Spain – there are more sunny days and it's a lot warmer. But I had to <sup>2</sup>**be used to** / **get used to** having lunch quite late, at about 2.00 p.m., and dinner as late as 9.00 or 10.00 p.m. In Germany, things <sup>3</sup>**usually** / **use to** happen exactly on time, but here things are much more relaxed. I like that, too. The only thing I really miss is the bread! I <sup>4</sup>**was used to being able** / **was used to be able** to choose from between 20 or 30 different kinds of bread, but here it's more like two or three. And sometimes I have problems with noisy neighbours, especially at night. That never <sup>5</sup>**used to be** / **was used to being** a problem in Hamburg. People there <sup>6</sup>**usually go** / **are used to going** to bed earlier.

b Complete the blog with *used to, be used to, get used to, or usually*.

I <sup>1</sup>used to live in Sweden, but I married an Italian woman and now I live in Parma, Italy. I've been here for six years now, so I <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the lifestyle. Life is more hectic here than in Sweden. Italian people socialize more than Swedish people, and I really enjoy that. I had to <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ eating lots of pasta, particularly tortellini, which is Parma's local speciality. In Sweden I <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ eat pasta once or twice a month, and now I <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ have it once or twice a week! I also had to <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the different mentality. For example, people here are very family-orientated. This was new to me and hard to understand at first. But now I <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ having lunch every Sunday with my in-laws! It was also quite hard for me to <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the dialect they speak in Parma. I still sometimes have to ask people to repeat things. The only thing I can't <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ is the coffee. I know espresso is supposed to be the best coffee in the world, but it's just too strong for me. In Sweden I <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ drink a lot of coffee, but it was much weaker. Still, I do love the smell of espresso!

**Lennart**  
Parma, Italy



c Complete the blog with a verb from the list in the correct form.



**Neil and Shirley**  
Queensland, Australia

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We used to <sup>1</sup>live in England, but we've been living in Queensland, Australia, since 2010. We're used to <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ here now, but at first it was quite hard. We live in the country, and when we first moved into the house, I just couldn't get used to <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ snakes in the garden, but now it's not a problem. We just leave them alone. Although we speak the same language, there are still some things here that are strange. People here usually <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ really early, at about 5.00 a.m., which we still haven't got used to. Christmas doesn't feel right either – I haven't got used to <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ roast turkey when the temperature is 40°C!

### ACTIVATION

Complete the sentences with information about your life. Compare your answers with a partner.

- 1 I usually \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 I used to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 I'm used to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 I'm not used to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 It's difficult to get used to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 I didn't use to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 When I was younger, I would \_\_\_\_\_.