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

a Circle the correct form.



Inge
Madrid, Spain

I come from Germany. I [1]**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 [2]**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 [3]**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 [4]**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 [5]**used to be / was used to being** a problem in Hamburg. People there [6]**usually go / are used to going** to bed earlier.

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

Lennart
Parma, Italy



I [1] *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 [2]_____ 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 [3]_____ eating lots of pasta, particularly tortellini, which is Parma's local speciality. In Sweden I [4]_____ eat pasta once or twice a month, and now I [5]_____ have it once or twice a week! I also had to [6]_____ 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 [7]_____ having lunch every Sunday with my in-laws! It was also quite hard for me to [8]_____ the dialect they speak in Parma. I still sometimes have to ask people to repeat things. The only thing I can't [9]_____ 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 [10]_____ drink a lot of coffee, but it was much weaker. Still, I do love the smell of espresso!

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

Neil and Shirley
Queensland, Australia



be eat get up ~~live~~ see

We used to [1] *live* in England, but we've been living in Queensland, Australia, since 2010. We're used to [2]_____ 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 [3]_____ 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 [4]_____ 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 [5]_____ 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 _____.

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6B GRAMMAR gerunds and infinitives

Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets in the infinitive (with or without *to*) or the gerund (*-ing*).

1 I learnt *to speak* French when I was at school. (**speak**)
2 Do you fancy _____ a film tonight? (**see**)
3 Laura's mother lets her _____ when she wants. (**go out**)
4 I can't afford _____ a holiday this year. (**have**)
5 It's getting late. We'd better _____ much longer. (**not stay**)
6 I'm going to carry on _____ until 8.00 p.m. tonight. (**work**)
7 What are you planning _____ to the party? (**wear**)
8 Would you rather _____ in the country or in a town? (**live**)
9 I couldn't help _____ when my brother fell off his bicycle. (**laugh**)
10 Did you manage _____ the report before the meeting? (**finish**)
11 The satnav died and we ended up _____ completely the wrong way. (**go**)
12 If I tell you a secret, do you promise _____ anybody? (**not tell**)
13 My boss made me _____ late last night. (**work**)
14 At school, I was made _____ really hard. (**study**)
15 Would you like me _____ you with the dinner? (**help**)
16 I don't mind _____. I'm not in a hurry. (**wait**)
17 Sorry, you aren't allowed _____ here. (**park**)
18 We need to practise _____ before the oral exam. (**speak**)
19 I like _____ early in the morning in the summer. (**get up**)
20 Monica might _____ tomorrow. She's ill. (**not come**)
21 I love _____ time with my grandparents. (**spend**)
22 Will you be able _____ me a lift to work tomorrow? (**give**)

Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets in the gerund or the infinitive with *to*.

23 You forgot *to buy* the milk. (**buy**)
24 Could you try _____ late tomorrow? (**not be**)
25 The sheets on this bed are dirty. They need _____. (**change**)
26 Don't you remember _____ his wife at the Christmas party? (**meet**)
27 I'll never forget _____ in New York for the first time. (**arrive**)
28 I think you need _____ the irregular verbs. (**revise**)
29 Did you remember _____ James about the meeting tomorrow? (**tell**)
30 If the computer doesn't work, try _____ it off and on again. (**turn**)

25–30	**Excellent.** You can use gerunds and infinitives very well.
16–24	**Quite good.** But check the rules in the Grammar Bank (Student's Book p.143) for any questions that you got wrong.
0–15	**This is difficult for you.** Read the rules in the Grammar Bank again (Student's Book p.143). Then ask your teacher for another photocopy and do the exercise again at home.

ACTIVATION

Write sentences that are true for you, using the prompts. Compare your ideas with a partner. Ask him / her for more details.

- something you learnt to do when you were a child
- something your parents didn't let you do when you were younger
- a place you remember visiting
- a person you enjoy spending time with
- something you often forget to do
- something that you try not to do

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