

Used to (B2+)

MEANING – Match and categorize.

- 1) I used to have long hair when I went to primary school.
- 2) I used to put a lot of sugar in my tea, then I decided to reduce the amount for health reasons.
- 3) I lived in Paris for a year.
- 4) I went running several times last week.
- 5) I would put a lot of sugar in my tea five years ago.
- 6) I'm used to collecting waste selectively.
- 7) I got used to riding a bike when traffic wasn't so heavy during the pandemic.

- a) a finished habit (action) with an exact date or number of times, which is no longer true
- b) a finished habit (action), which is no longer true
- c) a finished situation with an exact date or number of times, which is no longer true
- d) ~~a finished situation, which is no longer true~~
- e) a typical past habit (action) with an exact date or number of times, which is no longer true
- f) a present habit
- g) the process of forming a habit

Habits (actions)	Situations
	1) d)

FORM 1 – Complete.

“do”	
Past Simple	did
“would”	would do
“used to”	
“be used to”	
“get used to”	

FORM 2 – Choose a structure from above and complete to have the same meaning.

- a) I used to hate spinach. = I like spinach.
- b) I'm not sure if you liked beige then. = like beige then?
- c) Do you buy bamboo toothbrushes? = buying bamboo toothbrushes?
- d) Have you become comfortable with sleeping in a tent?
= to sleeping in a tent?

JOKES – Complete with “used to” and an appropriate verb.**

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- b) Two magicians talk at a party.
“What happened to the girl that you _____ in half?”
“Oh, she’s now living in New York and San Francisco.”
- c) “I learnt to swim at an early age. When I was three, my parents _____ me
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