

USED TO DO / BE USED TO DO / GET USED TO DO

A. Rewrite the sentences with **used to**

1. Before they got married Ed bought Sylvia flowers every day, but he doesn't do it any longer.
_____.
2. When I was at school I regularly wrote letters to my friends, but now I am too busy to do that.
_____.
3. Betty read lots of books when she was younger, but now she only reads fashion magazines.
_____.
4. Not long ago Alex helped Jean in household chores, but now he watches TV all evening.
_____.
5. My cat was lovely when she was a kitten but now she is a bit too fat.
_____.

B. Complete the text with the phrases.

used to take time off work used to sell used to sing used to hurry
used to lose used to store used to tiptoe used to have
used to spend used to take out used to add used to do
used to start used to peel used to climb

When we were children, our family celebrated Christmas in a very traditional way. About a week before Christmas Eve our Mother _____ all kinds of preparations. First, she _____ the shopping in small local shops which _____ about everything. When all the necessary ingredients were in the larder, she _____ all days cooking and baking in our big kitchen. My sisters and I _____ back home after school to be the first to scrape the bowl. And we helped Mother, too. We _____ cut and slice, sieve, whip and stir, but it was always Mother who _____ the final, masterly touches to every dish and cake. It was hard work, and she was a demanding boss, but it was also fun to work together. On Christmas Eve Father, usually too busy to spend much time with the children, _____ and join us in the preparations. His job was to decorate the Christmas tree. We _____ huge Christmas trees, reaching up to the ceiling in our living room. Father _____ big boxes of Christmas decorations, which we _____ from year to year – each year adding a few new items – and, to begin, he _____ a ladder to put a silvery tinsel star on top of the tree. From that moment., the kitchen and all the goodies there _____ all their appeal for me. I _____ to the dining room and ask Father to let me help him. The main attraction was that while working on the tree he _____ Christmas carols.

C. Choose a, b or c

A: Has Bob always lived in London?

B: No, when he was a boy he _____ to live in Ayrshire.

a) got used b) used c) was used

A: Did you find learning to drive difficult?

B: Yes, I did at first. But I soon _____ to it.

- a) used b) was used c) got used

A: You are looking tired.

B: I _____ to getting up so early.

- a) 'm not used b) didn't use c) don't get used

A: Helen isn't happy in her new school.

B: I think she _____ to such strict discipline before.

- a) didn't use b) didn't get used c) wasn't used

A: Peter and Jean have moved to Crete.

B: Oh, really? They _____ to live in the Netherlands, didn't they?

- a) used b) got used c) were used

A: Have you ever lived in the country?

B: No, but I hope we will soon _____ to it.

- a) used b) get used c) be used

D. Join the broken sentences

1 Maggie is used to eating lots of strawberries.

A although she didn't like it at first.

2 Marissa has been used to going to church every Sunday

B while her parents were at work.

3 Elizabeth used to spend her holidays in the West of Ireland

C but now she prefers going to Spain.

4 Mary has got used to getting up early

D because her mother is very religious.

5 Lucy was used to looking after her baby sister

E although she doesn't like it now.

6 Helen will soon get used to her new school

F because they grow them on their farm.

E. Match each sentence with its correct meaning.

When I was a teenager

1 I got used to doing my own cooking.

A I treated doing it as something normal.

2 I was used to doing my own cooking.

B I did it regularly then, but I don't do it now.

3 I used to doing my own cooking.

C I gradually became accustomed to doing it.