

## 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.