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Circle the correct form.

**Inge**

Madrid, Spain

I come from Germany, and I ¹**used to live** / **am used to living** in the north, in Hamburg, but then I moved to Madrid about five years ago. I had to ²**be used to** / **get used to** having lunch very late, at about 2:00 p.m., and dinner as late as 9:00 or 10:00 p.m. I love the weather in Spain – there are more sunny days and it's a lot warmer. 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 white, not whole wheat. And sometimes I have problems with noisy neighbors, 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 text with *used to*, *am used to*, *get used to*, or *usually*.

I ¹ used to live in St Louis, Missouri, but I married a Brazilian woman and now I live in San Paulo, Brazil. I've been here for six years now, so I ² _____ the lifestyle. Life is more hectic here than in Missouri. Brazilian people socialize more than the people do where I grew up, and I really enjoy that. I had to ³ _____ eating lots of rice and beans with spicy chili sauce, which you can find everywhere in San Paulo. In the US, I ⁴ _____ eat spicy food once or twice a month, and now I ⁵ _____ have it once or twice a week! I also had to ⁶ _____ the big city traffic. There can be traffic jams on the highways for miles. But now I ⁷ _____ taking the subways and buses. I can take public transportation anywhere I need to go. It was also very hard for me to ⁸ _____ the dialect they speak in San Paulo. I still sometimes have to ask people to repeat things. The only thing I can't ⁹ _____ are the sports. I know, soccer is supposed to be the best sport in the world, but I miss baseball! In the US, I ¹⁰ _____ play soccer, but it was baseball season I really loved. Still, I do enjoy a good soccer game, and Brazil is a very exciting place to be a soccer fan!

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São Paulo, Brazil

