

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

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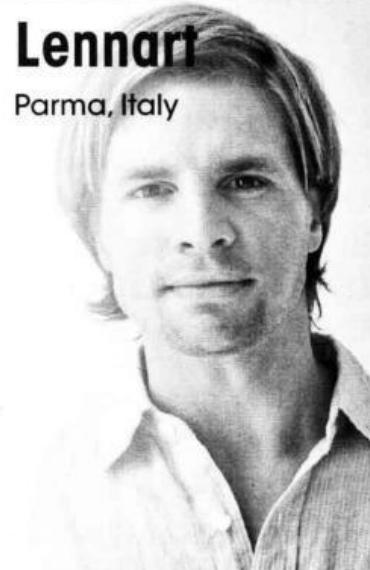


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I come from Germany, and I ¹**used to live** / **am used to living** in the north, in Hamburg, but then I moved to Madrid about five years ago. I had to ²**be used to** / **get used to** having lunch quite late, at about 2.00 p.m., and dinner as late 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 wholemeal. 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 text with *used to, am used to, get used to, or usually*.

I ¹used 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 are 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!



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