


## 6A GRAMMAR *used to, be used to, get used to*

a Circle the correct form.




**Inge**  
Madrid, Spain

I come from Germany. I used to live / would live in the north, in Hamburg, but then I moved to Madrid about five years ago. I love the weather in Spain – there are more sunny days and it's a lot warmer. But I had to <sup>2</sup>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. In Germany, things <sup>3</sup>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 <sup>4</sup>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 sometimes I have problems with noisy neighbours, especially at night. That never <sup>5</sup>used to be / was used to being a problem in Hamburg. People there <sup>6</sup>usually go / are used to going to bed earlier.

b Complete the blog with *used to, be used to, get used to, or usually*.


I <sup>1</sup>used 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 <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ eating lots of pasta, particularly tortellini, which is Parma's local speciality. In Sweden I <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ eat pasta once or twice a month, and now I <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ have it once or twice a week! I also had to <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ having lunch every Sunday with my in-laws! It was also quite hard for me to <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the dialect they speak in Parma. I still sometimes have to ask people to repeat things. The only thing I can't <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ drink a lot of coffee, but it was much weaker. Still, I do love the smell of espresso!



**Lennart**  
Parma, Italy

c Complete the blog with a verb from the list in the correct form.

**Neil and Shirley**  
Queensland, Australia



be eat get up live see

We used to <sup>1</sup>live in England, but we've been living in Queensland, Australia, since 2010. We're used to <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ here now, but at first it was quite hard. We live in the country, and when we first moved into the house, I just couldn't get used to <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ snakes in the garden, but now it's not a problem. We just leave them alone. Although we speak the same language, there are still some things here that are strange. People here usually <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ really early, at about 5.00 a.m., which we still haven't got used to. Christmas doesn't feel right either – I haven't got used to <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ roast turkey when the temperature is 40°C!

### ACTIVATION

Complete the sentences with information about your life. Compare your answers with a partner.

- 1 I usually \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 I used to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 I'm used to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 I'm not used to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 It's difficult to get used to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 I didn't use to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 When I was younger, I would \_\_\_\_\_.

## 6B GRAMMAR gerunds and infinitives

- Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets in the infinitive (with or without to) or the gerund (-ing).

- 1 I learnt to speak French when I was at school. (**speak**)
- 2 Do you fancy \_\_\_\_\_ a film tonight? (**see**)
- 3 Laura's mother lets her \_\_\_\_\_ when she wants. (**go out**)
- 4 I can't afford \_\_\_\_\_ a holiday this year. (**have**)
- 5 It's getting late. We'd better \_\_\_\_\_ much longer. (**not stay**)
- 6 I'm going to carry on \_\_\_\_\_ until 8.00 p.m. tonight. (**work**)
- 7 What are you planning \_\_\_\_\_ to the party? (**wear**)
- 8 Would you rather \_\_\_\_\_ in the country or in a town? (**live**)
- 9 I couldn't help \_\_\_\_\_ when my brother fell off his bicycle. (**laugh**)
- 10 Did you manage \_\_\_\_\_ the report before the meeting? (**finish**)
- 11 The satnav died and we ended up \_\_\_\_\_ completely the wrong way. (**go**)
- 12 If I tell you a secret, do you promise \_\_\_\_\_ anybody? (**not tell**)
- 13 My boss made me \_\_\_\_\_ late last night. (**work**)
- 14 At school, I was made \_\_\_\_\_ really hard. (**study**)
- 15 Would you like me \_\_\_\_\_ you with the dinner? (**help**)
- 16 I don't mind \_\_\_\_\_. I'm not in a hurry. (**wait**)
- 17 Sorry, you aren't allowed \_\_\_\_\_ here. (**park**)
- 18 We need to practise \_\_\_\_\_ before the oral exam. (**speak**)
- 19 I like \_\_\_\_\_ early in the morning in the summer. (**get up**)
- 20 Monica might \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow. She's ill. (**not come**)
- 21 I love \_\_\_\_\_ time with my grandparents. (**spend**)
- 22 Will you be able \_\_\_\_\_ me a lift to work tomorrow? (**give**)

- Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets in the gerund or the infinitive with to.

- 23 You forgot to buy the milk. (**buy**)
- 24 Could you try \_\_\_\_\_ late tomorrow? (**not be**)
- 25 The sheets on this bed are dirty. They need \_\_\_\_\_. (**change**)
- 26 Don't you remember \_\_\_\_\_ his wife at the Christmas party? (**meet**)
- 27 I'll never forget \_\_\_\_\_ in New York for the first time. (**arrive**)
- 28 I think you need \_\_\_\_\_ the irregular verbs. (**revise**)
- 29 Did you remember \_\_\_\_\_ James about the meeting tomorrow? (**tell**)
- 30 If the computer doesn't work, try \_\_\_\_\_ it off and on again. (**turn**)

**25–30 Excellent.** You can use gerunds and infinitives very well.

**16–24 Quite good.** But check the rules in the Grammar Bank (Student's Book p.143) for any questions that you got wrong.

**0–15 This is difficult for you.** Read the rules in the Grammar Bank again (Student's Book p.143). Then ask your teacher for another photocopy and do the exercise again at home.

### ACTIVATION

Write sentences that are true for you, using the prompts. Compare your ideas with a partner. Ask him / her for more details.

- something you learnt to do when you were a child
- something your parents didn't let you do when you were younger
- a place you remember visiting
- a person you enjoy spending time with
- something you often forget to do
- something that you try not to do