Back in the day

GRAMMAR: Past habits

A. Choose the correct words to complete the text.

Richard Morgan lives on a boat in Chesapeake Bay in Virginia. His life **would / used to / was used to** be very different a few months ago. Richard **graduated / used to graduate / would graduate** from law school in 2010 and got a great job at a law firm. It was interesting and paid well, but it was a very difficult job. Richard **was used to / got used to / used to** work 12-14 hours a day, and sometimes he **would sleep / was used to sleeping / got used to sleeping** at the office because it was so late. Richard **used to realize / would realize / realized** that this kind of life was killing him. "I **was used to / used to / would** spending all my time at work. It was normal for me - that was the frightening thing," Richard says. On Sundays, Richard **used to going / got used to go / would go** for a walk along the bay, and he always enjoyed this. So one day, when he had had enough, he **decided / used to decide / was used to deciding** to change his life completely. He gave up his job, bought a boat, and said goodbye to his stressful life as a lawyer. "It was a big change. I still haven't **used to / gotten used to / been used to** the ducks waking me up, but it's a great life," he says. "My family and friends were shocked at first, but now they **get used to visiting / are used to visiting / used to visiting** me on my boat, and they know I'm happy."

B. Fill in the gaps with the correct form of 'used to', 'be used to' or 'get used to' plus the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1. Sometimes, it takes European drivers a long time to get used to driving (drive) on the left side of the road when they visit Britain.
2. See that building there? I _____ (go) to school there, but now it's a factory.
3. Working until 10pm isn't a problem for me. I _____ (finish) late. It is normal for me because I worked late in my previous job as well.
4. Whenever all my friends went to discos, I _____ (not, go) with them, but now I enjoy it.
5. I feel quite nervous about the presentation, because I _____ (not, speak) in front of large groups of people.
6. When Max went to live in Italy, he _____ (live) there very quickly because he had lived in Portugal before he moved there.

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