

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 ²be 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. In Germany, things ³usually / 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 ⁴was 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 neighbors, especially at night. That never ⁵used to be / was used to being a problem in Hamburg. People there ⁶usually go / are used to going to bed earlier.

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

I ¹ used to live in Sweden, but I married a Mexican woman and now I live in Mexico City, Mexico. I've been here for six years now, so I ² _____ the lifestyle. Life is more hectic here than in Sweden. Mexican people socialize more than Swedish people, and I really enjoy that. I had to ³ _____ eating lots of rice and beans, which is very common in Mexico. In Sweden I ⁴ _____ eat rice 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-oriented. 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 Mexico City. I still sometimes have to ask people to repeat things. The only thing I can't ⁹ _____ is spicy food. I know jalapenos are a traditional flavoring in Mexico, but they're just too strong for me. In Sweden I ¹⁰ _____ eat peppers a lot, but they weren't as spicy. Still, I do love the food here!

Lennart
Mexico City, Mexico



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

Neil and Shirley
Miami, Florida



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We used to ¹ live in England, but we've been living in Miami, Florida, since 2010. We're used to ² _____ here now, but at first it was very hard. We live in the suburbs, and when we first moved into the house, I just couldn't get used to ³ _____ snakes in the yard, 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 ⁴ _____ really early, at about 5:00 a.m., which we still haven't gotten used to. Christmas doesn't feel right either – I haven't got used to ⁵ _____ roast turkey when the temperature is 80°F!