

What the structures with USED mean:

used to - to show *the habit we had in the past and don't have now*

get used to - to show **the process of developing** a new habit

be used to - describing the state when we have some **present habit** - it means *we do something on a regular basis and enjoy it.*

Be careful about the verb form you use after 'used to' constructions.

USED TO + V1 (e.g. *I used to smoke a lot.*)

BUT

BE USED TO + Ving or NOUN, and (e.g. *I am used to eating vegetarian food.*)

GET USED TO + Ving or NOUN (e.g. *I am getting used to riding a bicycle to work.*)

1. Complete the sentences with correct forms of used to/be used to/get used to. Use negative forms where necessary.

1. When Kate moved to England, she couldn't _____ British accent.
2. I know Mary, we _____ go to the same cooking class.
3. We _____ local food, it's too spicy.
4. It's difficult for American drivers to _____ driving on the left side of the road in Britain.
5. Have you seen Sam's new car? He _____ get to work by bus, but now she drives.
6. Working overtime isn't a problem for me. I _____ it. I did the same at my previous job.
7. When Tina lived with her parents, she _____ have a big house, but now she lives in a small room and she finds it difficult _____ it.
8. I _____ working in this company very quickly, people are very friendly here.
9. When he was younger, Mike _____ go camping a lot. But now he does it very often and enjoys it so much.
10. I don't like going to the discos because I _____ that kind of music.

2. Are the sentences correct or not? Write YES or NO. Correct the wrong ones.

1. I used to speak French every day. _____
2. I'm not used to eat so much for breakfast. _____
3. He used to smoking. _____
4. He is got used to flying after his first year as a journalist. _____
5. She got used to skiing as a child. _____
6. We are getting used to sleeping with the windows open. _____
7. She used to going to the beach when she was not married. _____

3. Use the correct form of “used to”, “be used to” and “get used to”

1. It was very hard to _____ eating so much rice when I moved to China.
2. She _____ be quite slim but she has put on so much weight in the last months.
3. I'm afraid I will never _____ driving on the left.
4. I'm slowly _____ reading from the screen. I _____ only read paper books in the past.
5. Hasn't she still _____ our southern lifestyle? It's so easy!
6. I don't want to drink white coffee! I _____ drinking my coffee black!

Write one or two sentences describing the situations below using “used to”, “get used to” and “be used to”

Example: I live in a new country where people speak a language different from my mother tongue. How do I feel?

Answer: I used to live in a different country. I'm getting used to speaking a new language.

1. I liked to drive a car before, but I don't drive much now. I prefer the bicycle.
2. I ate a lot of meat in the past. Now I only eat vegetables.
3. We have dinner at the same restaurant every weekend. We like this restaurant very much.
4. I was a top model before, but now I live in a small house in a village. I am retired and I don't work any more.

