

Student's name .....

## Be Used To



Example: When Sofía first moved to England, she wasn't used to driving on the left, and she nearly had an accident.

We use **be used to + noun or -ing form** to say that a thing or an activity that was once unfamiliar to us is now familiar. It can be used in different changes by changing **be**.

## Get Used To



Example: My younger sister Amanda doesn't like animals, but she is getting used to having my pet dog around.

**Get used to + noun or -ing form** refers to a thing or action that is becoming more and more familiar. We change the form of **get** to make different tenses.

# Practice

**1.** Complete the sentences below with the following verbs:

aren't • get • got • am • was getting • wasn't

- I don't mind living in a city now because I \_\_\_\_\_ used to the noise of the traffic.
- I thought everyone was unfriendly at first because I \_\_\_\_\_ used to their ways.
- Did it take you long to \_\_\_\_\_ used to the food in this country?
- We've never \_\_\_\_\_ used to the way that people kiss you on both cheeks.
- A lot of Northern Europeans burn in the sun because they \_\_\_\_\_ used to it.
- Just as I \_\_\_\_\_ used to the idea, she changed her mind.

**2.** Circle the correct option.

- I find it hard to **be / get** used to speaking another language.
- My grandfather haven't **been / got** used to using the Internet yet.
- Before we moved, I **wasn't / didn't** used to having a big room.
- I think I'm used to **see / seeing** you with short hair now.
- We're slowly **being / getting** used to having new neighbours.
- I can't **be / get** used to going to bed early. It's impossible!
- I've been playing in a team for ages so I **am / get** used to training in the evenings.
- I find exams very stressful. I can't **be / get** used to doing them.

Write the phrases in the email.

- get used to (x2) • got used to • 'm used to •  
• 'm getting used to • 'm not used to

Hi Zac!

How's it going? I've just finished my first week at university. It's different from school, but I <sup>1</sup> it bit by bit. I haven't had my lectures yet - I <sup>2</sup> having so much free time! We're expected to study independently though and I haven't <sup>3</sup> doing that yet. Things are more informal than school. I <sup>4</sup> calling teachers "Sir" or "Miss" and I can't <sup>5</sup> using their first names. It's really strange. I have to give a presentation tomorrow. I'm really nervous. I don't think I'll ever <sup>6</sup> speaking in public. Wish me luck!

Jessica

## 4. Rewrite these sentences using *be* or *get used to*.

1. My sister has started living with flatmates. She says it's very different.  
My sister...
2. At first, she didn't like shopping for food. It was strange.  
At first she couldn't...
3. But now she cooks, and she likes that.  
Now she likes cooking and she has...
4. She hates cleaning. Mum did that before.  
She can't...
5. She has more freedom.  
This is becoming normal.  
She...
6. But she says she'll always hate paying rent.  
She doesn't think she'll...

5.

I'm going to school in China as a part of an exchange programme. Things are certainly different here! School starts at 7 o'clock. I'm half asleep at that time, but Chinese students<sup>1</sup> get up early. We all cycle to school - I<sup>2</sup> take the bus.

When we get there, we do twenty minutes of gymnastics.

(do) exercise in the morning, and actually, I quite like it.

Most classes have about 60 students—but they're very quiet. Chinese students \*

(not ask) questions. We have a break of two hours for lunch but there's no canteen.

I 5 (not eat) in the classroom because at home, it isn't allowed.

Monday is a special day. We clean the classrooms! I<sup>6</sup> (not do) this yet.

In fact, I don't think I'll ever get used to it.



**Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.**

1. Susan **is / is used to being / used to be** a nurse. Now she **is / is used to being / used to be** a doctor.
2. Helen **is used to playing / plays / used to play** tennis. Now she **is used to playing / plays / used to play** squash.
3. Robert **is used to living / lives / used to live** in Manchester. Now he **is used to living / lives / used to live** in London.
4. Dave **is used to travelling / travels / used to travel** by train. Now he **is used to travelling / travels / used to travel** by car.
5. Jackie **is used to studying / studies / used to study** Italian. Now she **is used to studying / studies / used to study** French.
6. Steve **is used to liking / likes / used to like** football. Now he **is used to liking / likes / used to like** cricket.
7. Rachel has just moved to Alaska. She **is getting used to / is used to / used to** the cold weather.
8. When I was a child I **got used to / used to / was used to** play the piano.
9. I **used to / was getting used to / was used to** going to bed late when I lived in Madrid.
10. Spanish is really difficult. I **never used to / used to / will never get used to** speaking Spanish.
11. I **got used to / used to / was used to** like Amy Winehouse. Now I like Adele.
12. I don't mind getting up early. I **am used / used to / was used to** it now.

**Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets.**

1. Pablo is used to \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in England.
2. It's difficult to get used to \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in a foreign country.
3. I am used to \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) several kilometres a day.
4. I am getting used to \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) to work.
5. He used to \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Paris.
6. She's used to \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to bed late at night.
7. I'll never get used to \_\_\_\_\_ (use) this computer.
8. She's used to \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) very well.
9. I was used to \_\_\_\_\_ (study) every night when I was young.
10. When I was little, I used to \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) lots of sweets.
11. Did you use to \_\_\_\_\_ (believe) in ghosts?
12. Are you getting used to \_\_\_\_\_ (do) this?

Circle the correct answer. Fill the gaps when you've checked your answers.

1 Jim doesn't have a girlfriend now but he .....

- A didn't use to
- B used to
- C was using to

2 People ..... the Internet yet but in a few years time everybody will be surfing around like crazy.

- A aren't used to using
- B doesn't use
- C isn't used to using

3 I ..... to play football when I was young. I'm too old and fat to play now.

- A use
- B got used to
- C used

4 Pepe Juan was in London for a year. He liked England but he ..... the insipid food and the miserable weather.

- A could ever get used to
- B could never get used to
- C can ever get used to

5 I've been getting up early every day for years but I ..... to it.

- A used
- B am still not used
- C am already used

6 If you go to live in the United Kingdom, you..... on the left.

- A 'll have to get used to drive
- B 'll have to get used to driving
- C 'd have had to get used to

7 At first it was difficult for her to speak in French all the time but she ..... to it now.

- A is used
- B uses
- C gets used

8 After the holidays it takes me a week ..... up early again.

- A to get used to getting
- B to be used to getting
- C to get used to get

9 The queue in the baker's ..... to be so bad but now it's terrible. It must be that new chapata bread they bake. It's delicious.

- A didn't use
- B didn't used
- C was used

10 Do you mind if I ..... your phone?

- A used
- B am using
- C use