

GRAMMAR EXERCISE - USED TO, BE USED TO, GET USED TO

USED TO

Used to shows that:

- a particular thing always happened or was true in the past.
- But it no longer happens or is no longer true now:
- *David used to live in Madrid.*
- *She used to exercise every morning, but since she had that terrible accident she doesn't exercise anymore.*
- *Why don't you come and see me like you used to?*

Forms of used to

Here are the interrogative, affirmative and negative forms of used to

- **Did you use** to exercise regularly?
- Yes, I **used to** go jogging nearly everyday.
- No, I **didn't use** to exercise on a regular basis.

Used to, be used to, get used to

1. **Used to** shows that a particular thing always happened or was true in the past (see examples above)

2. **Be used to** is used to say that something is normal, not unusual.

- I'm **used to** living alone.
- Don't worry, John **is used to** driving for long hours. He has worked as a professional driver for 20 years.

3. **Get used** shows that something is in the process of becoming normal.

- He doesn't like that small town, but he'll **get used to** it.
- She found the heels too high, but she **got used to** them.
- Since the divorce, she has become very sad. But I think she'll **get used to** her new life.
- I **got used to** living in Canada in spite of the cold weather.

4. **Get used to** and **be used to** are followed by either a noun or a gerund.

Get used to + noun	Get used to + gerund (verb+ing)
I got used to <u>the noise</u>	I got used to <u>waking</u> up early
I'm used to <u>the cold weather</u>	I'm used to <u>working</u> late at night

Choose the correct word.

1. He used to _____ fat but now he's thin
2. He isn't used to _____ in these bad conditions.
3. How did you get used to _____ in the middle of this mess
4. Did you _____ write poems when you were young?
5. I need some time to get used to _____ in this town.
6. Sting used to _____ a teacher before he became a famous singer.
7. I'm not used to _____ linen by hand.
8. She'll get used to _____ in the extremely cold winter of Siberia.
9. My mother didn't _____ drink much coffee. But now she has become addicted to it
10. There used to _____ a lot of trees in this court yard. They have all been cut down.