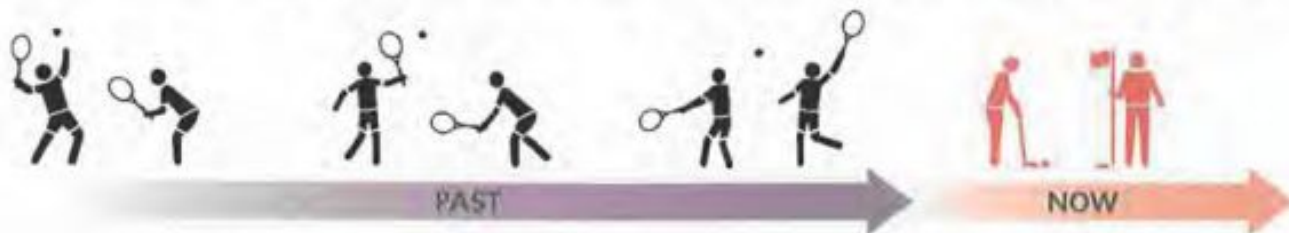


### 13.1 KEY LANGUAGE "USED TO"

You can use "used to" with an infinitive to talk about past habits.

Refers to a past habit.  
**We used to play tennis every day, but now we prefer golf.**



You can also use it to talk about fixed states at some indefinite time in the past.

Refers to a past state.  
**We used to live in London before we moved to Sydney.**



### 13.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES "USED TO"



Did you use to ride a scooter when you were a student?



I didn't use to believe in ghosts until I visited a haunted house.

"Used" becomes "use" in the question and negative forms.



### 13.4 ⚠ COMMON MISTAKES "USED TO"

You cannot use "used to" when you're talking about definite time frames in the past, or if you said you did something a certain number of times.

**We used to play lots of board games when I was young.** ✓

We used to play lots of board games yesterday. ✗

We used to play board games twenty times. ✗



### 13.3 ANOTHER WAY TO SAY "USED TO" WITH HABITS

You can also use "would" to talk about past habits. It is a little bit more formal.



When I was little, we would go for a picnic every Saturday.



Whenever there was soccer on TV, we just wouldn't do our homework.





### 13.5 FILL IN THE GAPS USING THE WORDS IN BRACKETS

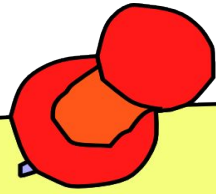
Whenever my uncle visited, he would bring (would / bring) presents for us all.

- 1 My mother \_\_\_\_\_ (use to / walk) five miles to school and back.
- 2 I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / use to / like) using the internet, but now I think it's great!
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ (do) you \_\_\_\_\_ (use to / eat) your lunch at school?
- 4 My grandmother's house \_\_\_\_\_ (not / use to / have) electricity.
- 5 Whenever I had a toothache, my dad \_\_\_\_\_ (would / take) me to a scary dentist.





**What  
was  
your  
life  
before  
smartphones?**



- 1. What was your life before you had a child?**
- 2. What was your life before 18<sup>th</sup> birthday?**
- 3. What was your life before covid?**
- 4. What was your life before marriage?**
- 5. What was your life before Google maps?**
- 6. What was your life before YouTube?**

- personal life
- work
- study
- free time
- hobbies
- holidays

## 53.1 KEY LANGUAGE "BE USED TO" AND "GET USED TO"

To "get used to (doing) something" means that you adapt to new or different circumstances so that they become familiar.

**Waking up early for my new job was difficult at first, but eventually I got used to it.**



To "be used to (doing) something" means that you have done it long enough that it is normal and familiar.

**I've lived in the city for years, so I am used to the bad pollution.**



## 53.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES "BE USED TO" AND "GET USED TO"



**When I travel, I get used to different customs very quickly.**

[I find it easy to adapt to different customs when I travel.]



**I got used to the cold weather within a couple of weeks.**

[I adapted to the cold weather within two weeks.]



**I am used to spicy food as I've always eaten it.**

[I am accustomed to eating spicy food.]



**We were used to the old teacher, so it was a shame when she left.**

[We were accustomed to our previous teacher, but then she left.]

### TIP

Do not confuse these phrases with "used to" (without "be" or "get"), which is used when talking about a regular past action.







### 53.3 CROSS OUT THE INCORRECT WORDS IN EACH SENTENCE

When I visit the UK, it takes me a while to ~~get~~ / ~~be~~ used to driving on the left side of the road.

- 1 My parents ~~are~~ / ~~get~~ used to living in an old building, but the creaking floorboards scare me!
- 2 They ~~were~~ / ~~get~~ used to eating with chopsticks, but it was new to me. I found it hard!
- 3 My friend said I'd ~~am~~ / ~~get~~ used to eating my dinner later at night after a few weeks.
- 4 It took a while, but now I ~~get~~ / ~~am~~ used to recycling all my paper and plastic each week.
- 5 His friends found it strange, but he ~~was~~ / ~~get~~ used to doing things without using the computer.
- 6 It was difficult at first, but I ~~was~~ / ~~got~~ used to the new routine after a few months.
- 7 We ~~were~~ / ~~get~~ used to the old system at work, but then it changed completely.
- 8 Eventually I ~~got~~ / ~~am~~ used to answering the phone in English. It almost feels natural now!





## 53.4 REWRITE THE SENTENCES CORRECTING THE ERRORS

It has taken me a long time to get use to cycling in the city.

*It has taken me a long time to get used to cycling in the city.*



1 I don't think I will ever got used to the noise in my street at night.



2 I'm so used drinking coffee every morning that I can't function without it.



3 They said that they could not be used to the icy weather.



4 Don't worry. After a while you'll got used to the cold water.



5 Do you think that you'll used to the long hours in your new job?



**1. I'm used to wearing ....**

**2. I'm used to drinking .... every day**

**3. I'm used to working ...**

**1. I'm used to**

**2. I'm used to**

**3. I'm used to**

**4. I'm used to**

**5. I'm used to**

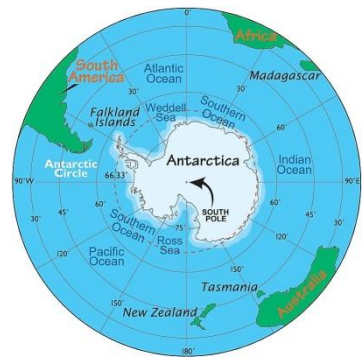
**6. I'm used to**



Imagine you have to move to a new country.  
 Do you think you'll have a hard time getting used to living there?

It will take time to get used to + Ving, because...  
 It will be hard/easy to get used to + Ving, because...

I won't get used to + Ving, because...  
 I will get used to + Ving, because...





People \_\_\_\_\_ (catch) fish in this river, but now the river has become polluted .

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