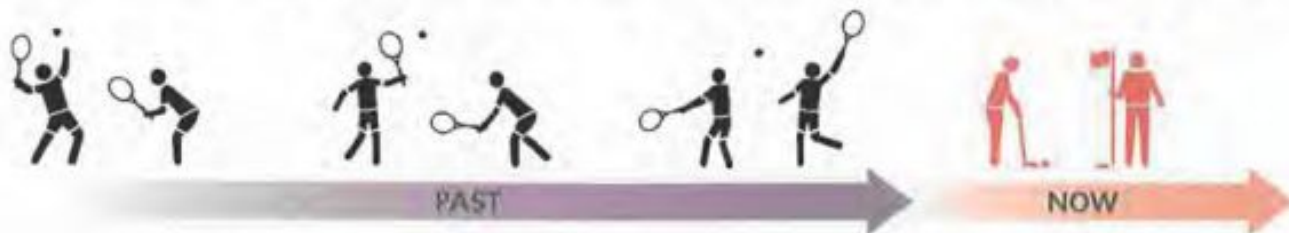


13.1 KEY LANGUAGE "USED TO"

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

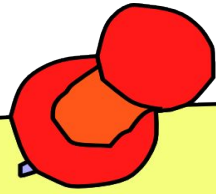
Whenever my uncle visited, he would bring (would / bring) presents for us all.

- 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 18th 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

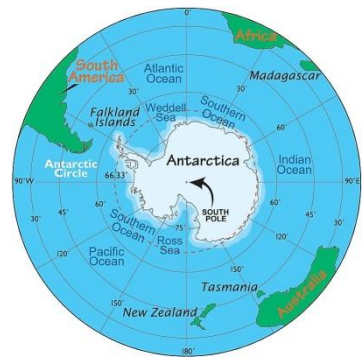
6. I'm used to



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 .

✓ 15

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