

Be Used To vs Get Used To

Clear grammar practice with mixed exercises and answer key

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Quick reference

Structure	Meaning	Example
be used to + noun / -ing	already accustomed to something	I'm used to working late.
get used to + noun / -ing	become accustomed to something	She is getting used to her new job.
used to + base verb	past habit or past state	We used to live near the sea.

Remember: in "be used to" and "get used to", "to" is a preposition, so it is followed by a noun, pronoun, or verb + -ing.

Exercise 1: Choose the correct answer

Circle or underline the best option.

- I am used to (work / working / worked) under pressure.
- At first, Mark hated the early shift, but he soon got used to (wake / waking / woke) up at 5 a.m.
- When I was younger, I used to (play / playing / played) football every evening.
- Are you used to (the noise / be noisy / make noise) in this part of the city?
- She is still getting used to (speak / speaking / spoke) English every day at work.
- We used to (live / living / lived) in a much smaller flat.
- I was not used to (so much homework / do homework / did homework) when I first started university.
- Don't worry. You'll get used to (drive / driving / drove) on the left.
- My grandparents are used to (get / getting / got) up very early.
- Did you use to (have / having / had) a dog when you were a child?
- I can't get used to (this smell / smell / be smell) in the kitchen.
- She wasn't used to (work / working / worked) with children, but now she loves it.

Exercise 2: Complete the sentences

Use the correct form of **be used to**, **get used to**, or **used to**.

- When I first moved to London, I _____ the crowds, but now they don't bother me.
- My brother _____ drink coffee, but now he has two cups every morning.
- We are slowly _____ the new software at work.
- After a few months abroad, she _____ speaking English all day.
- I _____ long meetings now, so they no longer feel stressful.
- _____ you _____ play the piano when you were at school?
- They weren't _____ sharing a room at first.
- You will soon _____ the weather here.
- He _____ be very shy, but he is much more confident now.
- I am not _____ such spicy food.

23. By the end of the first term, the students had _____ doing homework online.
24. My parents _____ living in the countryside, so they would hate city life.
25. She _____ wear glasses, but now she needs them for reading.
26. Have you _____ the idea of working from home yet?
27. At first, the baby cried every night, but we gradually _____ the lack of sleep.

Exercise 3: Correct the mistake

Each sentence contains one mistake. Rewrite it correctly.

28. I am used to wake up early during the week. → _____
29. She got used to live on her own after university. → _____
30. We used to living near the station. → _____
31. He is getting used to the cold weather now, so he was fine yesterday. → _____
32. Did you used to have long hair? → _____
33. I'm used to eat lunch at my desk. → _____
34. They didn't got used to the new teacher. → _____
35. My grandmother is used to write letters by hand. → _____
36. I use to be afraid of dogs when I was little. → _____
37. Are you get used to your new timetable yet? → _____

Exercise 4: Rewrite the sentence

Keep the meaning the same. Use the word in brackets.

38. I was uncomfortable with the noise at first, but now it feels normal. (USED)

39. In the past, we went to bed much earlier than we do now. (USED TO)

40. She is becoming accustomed to managing a larger team. (GETTING)

41. Cold winters are normal for him now. (USED)

42. At first, online teaching felt strange to me, but now it feels natural. (GOT)

43. When he was a child, he played outside every day. (USED TO)

44. I'm still in the process of adapting to my new glasses. (GETTING)

45. Working at weekends does not feel strange to her any more. (USED)

Exercise 5: Choose the meaning

Match each sentence to the correct meaning: **A = already familiar**, **B = becoming familiar**, **C = past habit or past state**.

46. I'm used to speaking in public. ____
47. We're getting used to our new neighbours. ____
48. I used to cycle to school every day. ____
49. She isn't used to such formal meetings. ____
50. He got used to the food surprisingly quickly. ____
51. My father used to work abroad. ____
52. You'll soon get used to this keyboard. ____
53. They are used to long journeys. ____

Exercise 6: Write about yourself

Complete the sentences with your own true ideas.

I am used to _____.

I am not used to _____.

I am getting used to _____.

Something I used to do when I was younger: _____.

One thing I think I will get used to in the future: _____.

One thing I do not think I will ever get used to: _____.

Teacher's tip: Encourage learners to notice the difference between state (be used to), change (get used to), and past habit/state (used to).

Answer key

Exercise 1: 1 working, 2 waking, 3 play, 4 the noise, 5 speaking, 6 live, 7 so much homework, 8 driving, 9 getting, 10 have, 11 this smell, 12 working.

Exercise 2: 1 wasn't used to, 2 used to, 3 getting used to, 4 got used to, 5 am used to, 6 Did / use to, 7 used to, 8 get used to, 9 used to, 10 used to, 11 got used to, 12 are used to, 13 used to, 14 got used to, 15 got used to.

Exercise 3: 1 I am used to waking up early during the week. 2 She got used to living on her own after university. 3 We used to live near the station. 4 He is used to the cold weather now, so he was fine yesterday. 5 Did you use to have long hair? 6 I'm used to eating lunch at my desk. 7 They didn't get used to the new teacher. 8 My grandmother is used to writing letters by hand. 9 I used to be afraid of dogs when I was little. 10 Are you getting used to your new timetable yet?

Exercise 4: Suggested answers: 1 I am used to the noise now. 2 We used to go to bed much earlier. 3 She is getting used to managing a larger team. 4 He is used to cold winters. 5 I got used to online teaching. 6 He used to play outside every day. 7 I'm still getting used to my new glasses. 8 She is used to working at weekends.

Exercise 5: 1 A, 2 B, 3 C, 4 A, 5 B, 6 C, 7 B, 8 A.

Exercise 6: Answers will vary.