

used to, get used to, and be used to



1 **Used to** expresses past habit. **Get used to** means **become used to** and describes a change of state. **Be used to** describes a state. Compare the uses in these conversations.



A 9.3 Don't worry Grandma. You'll soon **get used to** your new iPhone.
B I don't think I'll ever **get used to** it. It's too complicated. No sooner **am I used to** something when it's 'all change!' Life **used to be** much simpler.



A My wife eventually **got used to** living in Kenya, but it took a long time.
B Well, she **wasn't used to** a hot climate, was she? You **used to live** in Dubai, so you were.

2 9.4 Listen and repeat the sentences. What are the different pronunciations of **used to**?
 a I **used to live** in the city, so I was **used to travelling** on the Underground. /ju:st/
 b I **used the Underground** to get to work. /ju:zd/

6 Complete the sentences with **used to**, **be used to**, or **get used to** in the correct form.

- If you _____ Indian food, this dish might be too spicy for you.
- I don't think I _____ ever _____ your hair being that short. You look so different.
- Tom didn't like his new school at first, but he eventually _____ it, and made new friends.
- I _____ go running every morning, but I don't any more. I'm so unfit now.
- When I was a boy, I _____ like going to piano lessons, so I stopped. Now I'm in my forties, I've started learning again.
- Sally won't find it easy to live on her own. She _____ having everything done for her by her parents.
- 'Grandad, _____ you really _____ watch TV in black and white when you were young?'

9.5 Listen and check.

7 Complete the conversations with **used to**, **get used to** or **be used to** and a verb from the box in the correct form, positive or negative.

be	drive	go	hate	like
live	wear	work		

- A** Come on, Helen! It's not far now.

B I'm exhausted. **I'm not used to going** on such long walks.
- A** My sister has to have a brace on her teeth.

B I had a brace. It took me ages to _____ it, but I did in the end.
- A** You _____ studying history, didn't you? Why do you like it now?

B Well, we have a new teacher and she really brings it to life.
- A** Did you have a good holiday touring Spain?

B Yes, it was great. I soon _____ on the right.
- A** What do you think of Mick?

B Well, I _____ him at all, but the more I get to know him, the more I think he's OK.
- A** I hate my new job! I don't know what I'm doing.

B Give it a chance. I'm sure you _____ there after a few weeks.
- A** Did you hear that Sue and Chris are moving back to town?

B I'm not surprised. I said that they _____ never _____ in the countryside.
- A** The President loses his temper if anyone disagrees with him.

B Yes, I know. He _____ criticised. Most people just go along with whatever he says.

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