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| **Used To: Versus Be Used To, Get Used To** | | |
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| **FORM:** | * **Used to + base verb → for past habits / actions** * **Be used to + gerund / noun / pronoun → for actions that are normal, natural, habitual, comfortable** * **Get used to + gerund / noun / pronoun → suggests a process, a development** |  |
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| **USE:** | **“Used to + base verb”**, tells us that the main verb was either a past habit or a long-term situation which no longer exists. Note that **“used to”** is not preceded by **“be”**.  The **“be + used to + “-ing” or noun or pronoun”** tells us the subject of the sentence is comfortable with or accustomed to the gerund, noun or pronoun. It means that the subject knows the situation described very well. The verb **“be”** can be conjugated in any form. The situation described can be in the present, past or future.  **“Get used to + “-ing” or noun or pronoun”** tells us that the subject of the sentence is becoming comfortable with or accustomed to the gerund, noun or pronoun. The verb **“get”** can be conjugated in any form. The situation can be in the present, past or future. | |
| **EXAMPLES:** | *Arlene used to live in Bar Harbor, Maine. Now she lives in Paris. When she lived in Bar Harbor, she was used to eating lobster and corn on the cob. After she moved to Paris, she got used to eating salad and cheese after dinner.* | |

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| *Supply USED TO, BE USED TO or GET USED TO in the following sentences.* |

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| 1. | Caroline didn’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wear contact lenses. |
| 2. | Caroline \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wearing contact lenses. |
| 3. | It took Caroline a long time to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wearing contact lenses. |
| 4. | David \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ live in Ottawa. Now he lives in Santa Monica, California. |
| 5. | David is not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ living out West. |

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| 6. | It will probably take some time for him to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ living in California. |
| 7. | Nora has lived in Toronto for many years so she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ living in a big city. |
| 8. | I have taught university students for many years so I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ teaching adults. |
| 9. | He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ live in Tampa, Florida. |
| 10. | It took a long time for her to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ being a widow. |

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| *Write true sentences about yourself using each of the following.* |

1. used to + base verb:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. used to + base verb:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. be used to + ing:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. be used to + ing:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. get used to + ing:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. get used to + ing:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| *Fill in the blanks using USED TO / GET USED TO / BE USED TO + a base verb or “-ing”.* |

Sarah didn’t like living in Chicago very much. She couldn’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in a big city. She only lived in Chicago for a month, which was really not enough time for anyone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ anything. So after a month, Sarah called her mother and said, “Mom, I want to come home because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_here!” Her mother responded and said, “I’m sorry my dear, but you will have\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it, because I have already paid a lot of money for you to be there.” Sarah tried to forget her hometown, but she felt lonely and could only think of all the things she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ do. After school and on the weekends, she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her friends and they always \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fun.

She never \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_out alone, and she certainly didn’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in restaurants by herself.

Another month passed quickly, and then another. Before she knew it, Sarah had already been in Chicago for three months. She was surprised to realized that she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_eating out alone and with her new friends. She\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the subway and she

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ independent. Her English was improving and she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ English most of the time.

Soon it was time for Sarah to return home. She was sad because she had to leave Chicago and she worried about moving back home. She thought, “I\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with my family, but now I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_alone. I wonder if it will take some time for me \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_with my parents again?” Sarah felt confident, however, that she could adjust to any situation after having had this experience. She would always have her photographs and memories, and she would always be able to say that she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Chicago, Illinois.