

HABITS

USED TO

Study this example situation:

a few years ago



these days



Nicola doesn't travel much these days.
She prefers to stay at home.

But she **used to travel** a lot.
She **used to go** away two or three times a year.

She **used to travel** a lot = she travelled a lot often in the past, but she doesn't do this any more.

she used to travel

past

she doesn't
travel

now

BE/GET USED TO

Be/get used to something (I'm used to ...)

Study this example situation:



Lisa is American, but she lives in Britain. When she first drove a car in Britain, she found it very difficult because she had to drive on the left, not on the right. Driving on the left was strange and difficult for her because:

She **wasn't used to it**.

She **wasn't used to driving** on the left.

But after a lot of practice, driving on the left became less strange. So:

She **got used to driving** on the left.

Now it's no problem for Lisa:

She **is used to driving** on the left.

BE/GET USED TO

BE/GET USED TO + NOUN

Our apartment is on a very busy street. I expect we will get used to the noise, but at the moment it's very disturbing.

BE/GET USED TO + V – ING

- Paul lives alone. He doesn't mind this because he has lived alone for 15 years. It is not strange for him.. **He is used to living alone.**

Practice

Jack has to drive two hours to his work every morning. Many years ago, when he first had to do this, it was difficult for him. But now it 's OK. When jack started working in this job, he wasn'tdriving two hours to work every morning, but after some time he it.

Now it's no problem for him. He two hours every morning.

Practice

1. You have to work long hours in your job. This is not a problem for you. You have always worked long hours.
 - FRIEND: You have to work very long hours in your job, don't you?
 - You: Yes, but I don't mind that. I
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- 2 You usually go to bed early. Last night you went to bed very late (for you) and as a result you are very tired this morning.
 - FRIEND: You look tired this morning.
 - You: Yes,.....

Practice

- 1. Lisa had to get used to on the left.
- 2. Dan used to a lot of coffee. Now he prefers tea.
- 3. I feel very full after that meal. I'm not used toso much.
- 4. I wouldn't like to share an office. I'm used to my own office.
- 5. I used to a car, but I sold it a few months ago.
- 6. When we were children, we used to swimming very often.
- 7. There used to a school here, but it was knocked down a few years ago.
- 8. I'm the boss here! I'm not used to told what to do.
- 9. We used to in a village. We moved to London a few years ago and had to get used to in a big city.