

be used to/would + INF

1. I **used to walk** to work every morning, but these days I take the bus.
He didn't use to.
They **didn't use to** travel much, but now they explore a new country every year.
2. When I was young, I **used to play** football with my friends. **We would go** to the park every afternoon after school.

1. We use *used to/didn't use to + INF* to talk about states or repeated/continuous actions in the past and which are no longer true.

- *Used to* is not used in the present tense. For present habits we use *usually* or a similar adverb.

e.g. I usually have eggs for breakfast these days.

~~I used to have eggs for breakfast these days.~~

2. We also use *would + INF* to talk about repeated actions in the past but NOT states.

e.g. I would go to the village to spend the summer with my grandparents when I was a child.

~~I would have long hair when I was a little girl.~~

be used to/get used to + -ing

1. I am **not used to getting up** so early. I've always worked in the afternoons
Sam is **used to working** with children. She's been a schoolteacher for years.
2. A: I can't **get used to speaking** Spanish all day. It's really tiring me out.
B: You'll **get used to it** after a few months. It's just a matter of time.

1. Use *be used to + ing* to talk about a new situation which **is now** familiar and is no longer strange
2. Use *get used to + ing* to talk about a situation which is **becoming** familiar and less strange.



Right or wrong? Correct the mistakes in the **highlighted** phrases.

1. **She is still get used to living** in a different country
2. **My brother didn't used to eat** vegetables, but now he loves them.
3. It took me a while **to get used to drive** on the left side of the road.
4. **There used to be** a post office on the village high street.
5. **Did you use to live** on Murray Avenue?
6. **Paul is used to have** a long red beard.
7. **I can't get used to work** from home, even after all this time.
8. **She use to play** the clarinet but she gave it up a few years ago.
9. **This neighbourhood used to be** much busier but now most of the shops have closed down.
10. **I don't use to travel** much these days but I did in the past.

Complete the sentences with *used to*, *be used to* or *get used to* (positive or negative) and the verb in brackets in the correct form:

1. When Clare started shift work as a nurse, she couldn't _____ (sleep) during the day.
2. Harry _____ (have) long hair when he was younger.
3. I _____ (speak) much French but after living in Lyon for a year, I was fluent.
4. Peter is slowly _____ (live) in Norway but the cold weather has been hard for him
5. There _____ (be) a café here but now it's a burger bar.
6. When Sam moved from the UK to the US he had to _____ (drive) on the other side of the road.
7. I _____ (have) a dog but now I do, I can't imagine life without him.
8. Now I have children I _____ (not have) much free time.
9. Did you _____ (work) hard at school when you were a child?
10. It _____ (be) much easier to find a bank on the high street but now it's all online.

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Answers

1. She is still getting used to living
2. My brother didn't use to eat
3. to get used to driving
4. 😊 correct
5. 😊 correct
6. Paul used to have
7. I can't get used to working
8. She used to play
9. 😊 correct
10. I don't usually travel

1. get used to sleeping
2. used to have
3. didn't/did not use to speak
4. getting used to living
5. used to be
6. get used to driving
7. didn't use to have
8. am used to having
9. use to work
10. used to be