

# USED TO – BE USED TO – GET USED TO

We use phrase '**used to**' in different meanings, sometimes with different verbs.

**Used to**

**Be used to**

**Get used to**

When we talk about past routines or actions we did for a long time.

I **used to** run 20 kilometers a day when I was 25. But now, I don't.



I **used to** be lazy and lie around all day. Then one day, I stopped doing so.



**Used to**

Question and negative forms of **used to** are the same as Past Simple.

**Did you use to** ask a lot of questions when you were a kid?



I **didn't use to** do that. But I used to do a lot of research.



Note how the forms  
are similar to past simple.

**E.g. She asked me a question.  
Did she ask me a question?**

**I used to ask a lot of questions.  
Did you use to ask  
a lot of questions?**

We use '**be used to**' to talk about our familiarities or habits. We can use it in any tense.

David and I **are used to** each other's jokes. We don't take them personal.

**Are you used to** writing?

My brother **was used to** dogs. But now, he finds them strange.

I have **been used to** dealing with difficulties. So, no problem.

**Be used to**

We use **'get used to'** in order to mean that we adjust to something.

Wow, I've **got used to** working like this pretty quickly.

I'm **getting used to** the new decade 2020s.

How **did you get used to** the 2000s?

I **had got used to** petting my dog before I lost him.

I guess we **have to get used to** it after a while.

**Get used to**

## Exercises

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (cannot) swimming this way.
2. Look at them! They \_\_\_\_\_ (have) each other pretty quickly.
3. He doesn't think I \_\_\_\_\_ (work) so much everyday.
4. Nobody here understands that we \_\_\_\_\_ (not/wake up) this early.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (answer) such questions?
6. Well, at least you \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a lot of money. I've always been poor.
7. They have never been on stage. They \_\_\_\_\_ it.
8. After when do you \_\_\_\_\_ (succeed) in those projects?
9. Hey! You dropped your wallet. I guess you \_\_\_\_\_ (run) with a coat.
10. Can you tell me what the problem is? I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in a quiet room like this.

## Answer Key

1. I **cannot get used to** (cannot) swimming this way.
2. Look at them! They **have got used to** (have) each other pretty quickly.
3. He doesn't think I **am not used to working** (work) so much everyday.
4. Nobody here understands that we **are not used to waking up** (not/wake up) this early.
5. **Are you used to answering** (answer) such questions?
6. Well, at least you **used to have** (have) a lot of money. I've always been poor.
7. They have never been on stage. They **are not used to** it.
8. After when do you **get used to succeeding** (succeed) in those projects?
9. Hey! You dropped your wallet. I guess you **are not used to running** (run) with a coat.
10. Can you tell me what the problem is? I **am not used to being** (be) in a quiet room like this.