

## Be and Get Used To

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Example: When Sofia first moved to England, she wasn't used to driving on the left, and she nearly had an accident.

We use *be used to + noun or -ing form* to say that a thing or an activity that was once unfamiliar to us is now familiar. It can be used in different changes by changing *be*.

## Get Used To



Example: My younger sister Amanda doesn't like animals, but she is getting used to having my pet dog around.

*Get used to + noun or -ing form* refers to a thing or action that is becoming more and more familiar. We change the form of *get* to make different tenses.

## Practice

1. Complete the sentences below with the following verbs:

aren't • get • got • am • was getting • wasn't

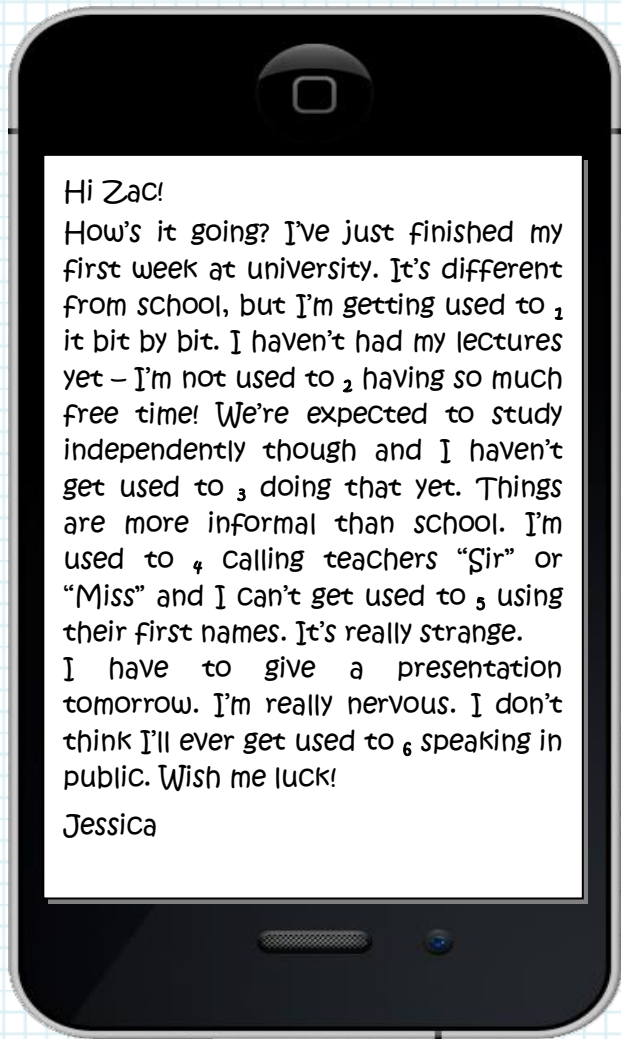
- I don't mind living in a city now because I am used to the noise of the traffic.
- I thought everyone was unfriendly at first because I wasn't used to their ways.
- Did it take you long to get used to the food in this country?
- We've never got used to the way that people kiss you on both cheeks.
- A lot of Northern Europeans burn in the sun because they aren't used to it.
- Just as I was getting used to the idea, she changed her mind.

2. Circle the correct option.

- I find it hard to *be* / *get* used to speaking another language.
- My grandfather hasn't *been* / *got* used to using the Internet yet.
- Before we moved, I *wasn't* / *didn't* used to have a big room.
- I think I'm used to *see* / *seeing* you with short hair now.
- We're slowly *being* / *getting* used to having new neighbours.
- I can't *be* / *get* used to going to bed early. It's impossible!
- I've been playing in a team for ages so I *am* / *get* used to training in the evenings.
- I find exams very stressful. I can't *be* / *get* used to doing them.

### 3. Write the phrases in the email.

- get used to (x2) • got used to • 'm used to • 'm getting used to • 'm not used to



### 4. Rewrite these sentences using *be* or *get* used to.

1. My sister has started living with flatmates. She says it's very different.  
My sister has got used to living with flatmates. She says it's very different.
2. At first, she didn't like shopping for food. It was strange.  
At first she couldn't get used to shopping for food. It was strange.
3. But now she cooks, and she likes that.  
Now she likes cooking and she has get used to.
4. She hates cleaning. Mum did that before.  
She can't get used to cleaning. Mum did that before.
5. She has more freedom.  
This is becoming normal.  
She is getting used to have more freedom.
6. But she says she'll always hate paying rent.  
She doesn't think she'll get used to paying rent.

### 5. Complete the text with *be* or *get used to* and the verb given in brackets.

I'm going to school in China as a part of an exchange programme. Things are certainly different here! School starts at 7 o'clock. I'm half asleep at that time, but Chinese students<sup>1</sup> I got used to getting up (get up) early. We all cycle to school - I<sup>2</sup> I was used to take (take) the bus. When we get there, we do twenty minutes of gymnastics.

Little by little, I<sup>3</sup> got used to doing (do) exercise in the morning, and actually, I quite like it. Most classes have about 60 students -but they're very quiet. Chinese students<sup>4</sup> are not used to asking (not ask) questions. We have a break of two hours for lunch but there's no canteen. I<sup>5</sup> am not used to eating (not eat) in the classroom because at home, it isn't allowed. Monday is a special day. We clean the classrooms! I<sup>6</sup> am not getting used to (not do) this yet. In fact, I don't think I'll ever get used to it.

