

CHUYÊN ĐỀ 6: USED TO; BE/ GET USED TO + V-ING

1. Ôn tập lại cấu trúc Used to

1.1 Used to + Verb: Đã từng, từng. Chỉ một thói quen, một hành động thường xuyên xảy ra trong quá khứ và bây giờ không còn nữa.

Ví dụ:

I used to smoke a packet a day but I stopped two years ago.

(trước đây tôi hút 1 gói thuốc 1 ngày nhưng từ 2 năm trở lại đây tôi không hút thuốc nữa)

I used to drive to work but now I take the bus.

(Trước đây tôi thường lái xe đi làm nhưng hiện nay tôi đi làm bằng xe buýt).

1.2 To be used to + V-ing/ Noun: Trở nên quen với..

Ví dụ:

I'm used to living on my own. I've done it for quite a long time.

(Tôi thường ở 1 mình, và tôi đã ở một mình được một khoảng thời gian khá lâu).

Hans has lived in England for over a year so he is used to driving on the left now.

(Hans đã sống ở Anh hơn 1 năm rồi nên giờ anh ấy quen lái xe bên tay trái)

1.3 to get used to + V-ing/ noun: Đang quen với việc gì.

Ví dụ:

She has started working nights and is still getting used to sleeping during the day.

(Cô ấy bắt đầu làm việc vào ban đêm và dần quen với việc ngủ suốt ngày).

I have always lived in the country but now I'm beginning to get used to living in the city. (Tôi luôn sống ở miền quê nhưng giờ đây tôi bắt đầu dần quen với việc sống ở thành phố).

BÀI TẬP VẬN DỤNG

Exercise 1: Put the verbs in brackets into the forms.

1. When I was a child, I (dream)_____ of being an astronaut.
2. I'm terribly nervous. I (not speak)_____ to a large audience.
3. It took us ages to (live)_____ in an apartment house.
4. Lots of trains (stop)_____ here, but not many do now.
5. (Nick/ not/ work)_____ on a building site when he was a child?
6. I'll have an orange juice, please. I (not drink)_____ alcohol.
7. David doesn't seem to mind being in hospital. I suppose he's (be)_____ there.
8. When Laura was at college, she (have)_____ a picture of Elvis Presley on her bedroom wall.
9. There (be)_____ a cinema here but it was knocked down a few years ago.
10. When she arrived in Britain, she (not drive)_____ on the left, but she soon got used to it.

Exercise 2: Put the verbs in brackets into the forms.

1. (work)_____ on a building site when he was young?
2. I will have an orange juice, please. I (not drink)_____ alcohol.
3. When Laura was at college, she (have)_____ a picture of Elvis Presley on her bedroom wall.
4. There (be)_____ a cinema here but it was knocked down a few years ago.
5. When she arrived in Britain, she (not/drive)_____ on the left, but she soon got used to it.
6. I (live)_____ in Finland, but now I live in France.
7. I (sit)_____ at this desk. I sit here every day.
8. People (believe)_____ the earth was flat.
9. Trains (be)_____ the main means of cross-continental travel. Today, most people take airplanes for long-distance travel.
10. Ms. Stanton's job requires her to travel extensively throughout the world. She (travel)_____ by plane.

Exercise 3: Rewrite the sentences keeping the same meaning.

1. I had a lot of money but I lost it all when my business failed.

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2. I quite like classical music now, although I wasn't keen on it when I was younger.

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3. I seem have lost interest in my work.

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4. My brother had his hair cut short when he joined the army.

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5. Dennis gave up smoking three years ago.

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6. My parents lived in the USA when they were young.

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7. Jim was my best friend, but we aren't friends any more.

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8. When he was younger, my uncle was a national swimming champion.

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9. I eat ice-cream now, but I disliked eating it when I was a child.

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10. I worked in London three years ago. Now I stay at home.

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Exercise 4: Underline the mistake in each sentence.

1. He used to being fat but now he's thin

2. He isn't used to work in these bad conditions.

3. How did you getting used to working in the middle of this mess.

4. Did you used to write poems when you were young?

5. I need some time to be get used to living in this town.

6. Sting was used to be a teacher before he became a famous singer.

7. I'm not used to wash linen by hand.

8. She'll get used to be living in the extremely cold winter of Siberia.

9. My mother didn't use to drinking much coffee. But now she has become addicted to it.

10. There did used to be a lot of trees in this court yard. They have all been cut down.

Exercise 5: Underline the mistake in each sentence.

1. When I started to work here I needed a lot of help, but now I am used to do all the work on my own.

2. He used to reading several books a month, but he doesn't have time any more.

3. We were surprised to see her driving - she didn't use to drive when we first met her.

4. Don't worry, it's a simple program to use. You got used to it in no time, I'm sure.

5. When I have to commute to work every day I used to get up very early.

6. I'm afraid I'll never get use to living in this place. I simply don't like it and never will.

7. Whenever we came to Coventry we used always to stay in the Central Hotel. We loved it.

8. When Peter Smith was the head of our office everything was used to be well organized. Now it's total chaos here.

9. Mr. Lazy was shocked when he joined our busy company because he wasn't getting used to doing much work every day.

10. At first the employees didn't liked the new open-space office, but in the end they got used to it.

Exercise 6: Choose the correct answers.

1. When I was a child, I _____ like ice-cream, but I don't like it now.

A. am used to

B. used to

C. use

D. am used for

2. Shampoo _____ washing your hair.

A. is used to

B. gets used to

C. is used for

D. uses

3. I _____ wearing glasses.

A. am used to

B. used to

C. use

D. am used for

4. We live in the capital now but we _____ live in a small village.

- A. used to B. are used to C. use D. get used to
5. Gold _____ making jewelries.
A. gets used to B. uses C. used to D. is used for
6. Cheques and credit cards _____ storing wealth.
A. used to B. don't get used to C. is not used to D. is used for
7. The baby _____ getting up early.
A. used to B. don't get used to C. is not used to D. is used for
8. Jack doesn't smoke anymore but he _____ smoke 20 cigarettes a day.
A. uses B. is used to C. is used for D. used to
9. Money _____ buy food, furniture and other things.
A. is used for B. used to C. uses D. is used to
10. She usually _____ dictionary to find the meaning of difficult words.
A. is used to B. is used for C. used to D. uses

Exercise 7: Match each part in column A with each part in column B.

	A		B
1	I used to eat a lot of chocolate but	A	I often used to go to the theater.
2	Paul used to work in London but	B	now I find him a bit boring.
3	He used to take the train to work but	C	now I'm on a diet.
4	When I was younger, I didn't use to eat cheese but	D	now he drives.
5	When I lived in the city,	E	now he drives a very boring family car.
6	They used to go to a very traditional school	F	where they wore a uniform.
7	I used to really enjoy his company but	G	when we were children.
8	She used to play the piano but	H	now he works in Seattle.
9	We used to go to the beach for our holidays	I	now she plays the guitar
10	He used to have a motorbike but	J	now I eat a lot.

Your answer:

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
6.	7.	8.	9.	10.

ANSWER KEY

Exercise 1: Put the verbs in brackets into the correct forms.

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| 1. used to dream | 6. am not used drinking |
| 2. am not used to speaking | 7. got used to being |
| 3. get used to living | 8. used to have |
| 4. used to stop | 9. used to be |
| 5. Didn't Nick use to work | 10. wasn't used driving |

Exercise 2: Put the verbs in brackets into the correct forms.

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| 1. Didn't Nick used to work | 6. used to live |
| 2. am not used to drinking | 7. am used to sitting |
| 3. used to have | 8. used to believe |
| 4. used to be | 9. used to be |
| 5. was not used to driving | 10. is used to travelling |

Exercise 3: Rewrite the sentences keeping the same meaning.

- I used to have a lot of money.
- I didn't use to like classical music.
- I used to have interest in my work.

4. My brother used to have long hair.
5. Dennis used to smoke three years ago.
6. My parents used to live in the USA when they were young.
7. Jim used to be my best friend.
8. My uncle used to be a national swimming champion.
9. I didn't use to eat ice-cream when I was a child.
10. I used to work in London.

Exercise 4: Underline the mistake in each sentence.

1. being	2. work	3. getting	4. used	5. be
6. was	7. wash	8. be	9. drinking	10. did

Exercise 5: Underline the mistake in each sentence.

1. do	2. reading	3. use	4. got	5. have
6. use	7. used always	8. was	9. getting	10. liked

Exercise 6: Choose the correct answers.

1. B	2. C	3. A	4. A	5. D
6. C	7. B	8. D	9. D	10. D

Exercise 7: Match each part in column A with each part in column B.

1. C	2. H	3. E	4. J	5. A
6. F	7. B	8. I	9. G	10. D