

Get ready: *be / get used to*

- 1 Read this extract from a biography. How has Vinnie's life changed? Which of Vinnie's two careers would you prefer to have? Why?

The British actor Vinnie Jones **used to be** a professional footballer! He doesn't have any regrets about his career change. At first, it took a while to **get used to** all the new challenges. He'd never done any acting before in his life. But Vinnie had one big advantage - he was already **used to** working long hours in a very competitive field. It wasn't long before he landed roles in films, as well as the hit US show *24*.

- 2 Look at the expressions in **bold** in Activity 1, then complete the rules. Which two expressions can we use before a noun or a gerund (-ing form)? Complete the table below.

be used to / get used to / used to

1 _____	to refer to a past habit or state
2 _____	to mean 'be accustomed to'
3 _____	to mean 'become accustomed to'

Choose the correct option.

- He used to **be / being** fat but now he's thin.
- He isn't used to **work / working** in these bad conditions.
- How did you get used to **work / working** in the middle of this mess?
- Did you **use to / used to** write poems when you were young?
- I need some time to get used to **live / living** in this town.
- Sting used to **be / being** a teacher before he became a famous singer.
- I'm not used to **wash / washing** linen by hand.
- She'll get used to **live / living** in the extremely cold winter of Siberia.
- My mother didn't **use to / used to** drink much coffee. But now she has become addicted to it.
- There used to **be / being** a lot of trees in this court yard. They have all been cut down.

Read the following text and underline 'used to' and 'usually'

When I was younger, I used to get a lot of exercise. I didn't use to have a car, so I used to cycle everywhere. I also used to play football. However, I used to eat a lot of fast food!

Nowadays, I get less exercise. I have a car, so now I usually drive everywhere although sometimes I walk. I enjoy cooking now, so I usually eat healthy food.

Look at the examples below

I don't (**usually/use to**) go to work at the weekend.

Do you (**usually/use to**) work on Monday?

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With a partner, write sentences comparing these people's lives before and after the event in **red**.

0 (Marcella) never did any exercise - **decided to get fit** - now a marathon runner

Marcella used to spend her free time watching TV. She found it really hard to get used to exercising. Now, she's used to running 10 km every day!

1 (Luis) a poor student - **won a sport competition** - now a very wealthy tennis player

2 (Serena) a school sports teacher - **joined an expedition** - currently walking to the South Pole

3 (Marcin) a famous footballer - **thrown out of the team for bad behaviour** - now works in a supermarket

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Reading and Use of English part4

1/ I prefer to arrive an hour early.

RATHER

I an hour early.

2/ "Did you go on the demonstration on Sunday?" Maria asked Carlos.

GONE

Maria asked Carlos the demonstration on Sunday.

3/ Jenny rang because she was worried about us.

RUNG

Jenny she hadn't been worried about us.

4/ I failed to persuade him to come to the party.

SUCCEED

I him to come to the party.

5/ The boss postponed the meeting until the following week.

OFF

The meeting the boss until the following week.

6/ They say the ancient forests of Indonesia are disappearing very quickly.

SAID

The ancient forests of Indonesia very quickly.

Listening part 1

Understanding distraction

1 Study this multiple-choice question and the recording script below.

Why is B correct? Why are A and C wrong?

You hear a man talking about buying a bicycle.

What most attracted him to this bike?

A its special features

B its condition

C its price



'I saw it advertised in the local newspaper and I thought I'd ring the seller to see if it was still for sale and whether he'd drop the price because it seemed a bit high to me. He wouldn't, but I liked the sound of it and we arranged a time for me to call round later. Well as soon as I saw it, I knew I had to have it. It was just an ordinary bike really, nothing remarkable about it at all, but it'd obviously been very well looked after. It was a few years old, but you really couldn't tell. So I bought it there and then.'


C

A

B

Tip!

Don't choose your answer until you've heard the whole text at least once.

- 2a**  **02** Look at the next question and listen twice to the recording. Which is the correct answer, A, B or C? Why?

You overhear a conversation in a café between two people.

Why didn't she call him?

- A She didn't have his number.
- B It was too late in the evening.
- C Her phone wasn't working.

- b**  **02** Listen again. Why are the other two answers wrong?

Tip! You won't hear the same words as the words in the question, so listen for the same idea.

Listening part 1 Exam practice

-  **05** You will hear people talking in eight different situations. For questions 1–8, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

- 1 You hear two friends talking about going to a classic car show.
What do they agree about it?
 - A There was more to see than they expected.
 - B They spent more than they had intended.
 - C Some of the exhibits were more interesting than others.
- 2 You hear a teacher talking about a visitor coming to school.
Before the visitor comes, the teacher wants the class to
 - A find some information about the visitor.
 - B create a display for their visitor in their classroom.
 - C make something to present to the visitor.
- 3 You hear two friends talking about doing up a room.
What does the boy want to do?
 - A get some new furniture for his room
 - B exchange rooms with his sister
 - C redecorate his room himself
- 4 You hear two friends talking about a film they would like to see.
What do they know about it?
 - A It is based on a true story.
 - B The actors are unknown.
 - C It has some comic moments.
- 5 You hear a radio report about a zoo.
What is the zoo planning to do?
 - A extend its opening hours
 - B put some information online
 - C organise an event for schools
- 6 You hear two friends talking about doing presentations in class.
How did the boy feel about his presentation?
 - A relieved his teacher liked it
 - B pleased by his classmates' response
 - C confident he has learnt from the experience
- 7 You hear a father talking to his daughter about plans for her birthday.
The girl says she would like to spend her birthday
 - A paying a visit to someone special to her.
 - B going to a town where she has never previously been.
 - C doing what she did on her last birthday.
- 8 You hear two friends talking about a cake they have made.
What do they agree about?
 - A They would do something differently if they made the cake again.
 - B The boy made a useful suggestion when they were making the cake.
 - C It was one of the most delicious cakes they have ever tasted.