



BATTLE FOR BRITAIN
COURSE 1
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Mission 2.5.

USED TO/BE USED TO

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Complete the sentences with *use(d) to + verb*.

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1. Nicola doesn't go away much now. She _____ a lot, but she prefers to stay at home these days.
2. Kate _____ stubborn and moody as a teenager, but these days she behaves calmly and confidently, especially when it comes to her family.
3. We _____ in Karelia as children, but we had to move due to my asthma attacks caused by the humid climate.
4. I rarely eat roast chicken now, but I _____ a lot of it as a child.
5. Teresa _____ my best friend, but I lost touch with her after we graduated from university.
6. It only takes me about 10 minutes to get to the supermarket now that my broken leg has knitted. It _____ more than 20 minutes.
7. He _____ a small business, but it went bust during the recession.
8. When you lived in Los Angeles, _____ (you) to gigs very often?

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Compare what Lucy said ten years ago and what she says today. Write sentences about how Lucy has changed. Use 'used to' / 'didn't use to' / 'never used to'.

1. I often neglect my responsibilities related to housework. – I tidy up my apartment regularly. (didn't use to)
 2. I can't afford to travel. – I go on a package holiday at least once a year. (never used to)
 3. I feel insecure while talking to my acquaintances. – I am confident enough. (used to)
 4. I am not into parties. – I fancy going to parties from time to time. (didn't use to)
 5. I'm pretty disorganised. – These days I always meet the deadlines. (used to)
 6. I never bake. – I bake a moist chocolate cake approximately every month. (never used to)
 7. I'm a part-time driver. – I work as a brain surgeon now. (used to)
 8. I play the piano. – I haven't played the piano for years. (used to)
 9. I never sleep during the day. – I sometimes take a nap these days. (never used to)
 10. I've got a dog. – My dog died two years ago. (used to)
 11. I retain facts with no effort. – I don't have such a good memory. (used to)
 12. I don't delete old files from my computer. – I clean it up daily now. (never used to)
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The following situations are similar. Complete the sentences using 'be/get used to'.

1. Daisy is Austrian, but she lives in Japan. When she first drove a car in Japan, she was baffled because she had to drive on the left, not on the right. Driving on the left was bizarre and unwonted for Daisy because she _____ it. She _____ on the left. However, after a lot of practice, Daisy began to make progress. She _____ on the left. Now driving on the left is not challenging for Daisy. She is _____ on the left.
 2. Jack has to drive two hours to his work every morning. Many years ago, when he first had to set off, it didn't seem appealing to him. But now it's OK. When Jack commenced working in this job, he wasn't _____ two hours to work every morning, but after some time he _____ it. Now it's no problem for him. He _____ two hours every morning.
 3. Julia is a nurse. A year ago she started working nights. At first, she faced the perennial problem of inconvenience, so she didn't fancy working nights at all. She _____ nights and it took her a few months to _____ it. Now, after a year, she _____ nights.
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What do you say in these situations? Use 'I'm (not) used to ...'

1. You live with five cats. You don't mind this. You have always lived with five cats.

FRIEND: Do you get annoyed by them sometimes?

YOU: Not really. _____ with a lot of cats.

2. You live in the countryside. You don't mind this. You have lived in a rural area since you were a child.

FRIEND: Aren't you fed up with living in the middle of nowhere?

YOU: No, _____ in the countryside.

3. You have to work long hours in your job. This is not a problem for you. You have always worked long hours.

FRIEND: You have to work very long hours in your job, don't you?

YOU: Yes, but I don't mind that. _____ long hours.

4. You usually go to bed early. Last night you went to sleep late and consequently, you feel drowsy this morning.

FRIEND: You look drowsy this morning.

YOU: That's right. _____ to sleep late.

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Read the situations and complete the sentences using 'get/got used to'.

1. Some friends of yours have just moved into an apartment on a busy street. It is very noisy. They'll have to _____ the hectic pace of city life.

2. My classmates were slightly concerned after we got a new teacher. However, she was as responsible and helpful as the previous one, that's why they soon _____ her.

3. After her parents' divorce, Alice had to leave the town she lived in. At first she was spending most of her spare time hanging around the neighbourhood, but then she _____ the new living conditions.

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Complete the sentences using only one word each time.

1. Daisy had to get used to _____ on the left.
2. Dan used to _____ a part-time job. Now he works full time.
3. I feel really disappointed after her victory. I'm not used to _____ games.
4. I'm not used to _____ so long until he answers. It makes me nervous.
5. She is used to _____ to the monotonous voice of her teacher.
6. When we were classmates, we used to _____ a mess of our essays.
7. There used to _____ a school here, but it was knocked down a few years ago.
8. Mike is not used to _____ himself. He is too rude and tactless.
9. We used to _____ in a village. We moved to London a few years ago and had to get used to _____ in a huge city.