

Used to do

We use 'used to' for something that happened regularly in the past, but no longer happens.

- I used to smoke a packet a day, but I stopped two years ago.
- Ali used to travel a lot in his job, but now he doesn't.
- I used to drive to work, but now I take the bus.

We also use it for something that was true but no longer is.

- There used to be a cinema in the town but now there isn't.
- She used to have really long hair but she's had it all cut off.

'Used to do' is different from 'to be used to doing' and 'to get used to doing'

To be used to doing

We use 'to be used to doing' to say that something is normal, not unusual.

- I'm used to living on my own. I've done it for quite a long time.
- Hasan has lived in England for over a year so he is used to driving on the left now.
- They've always lived in hot countries, so they aren't used to the cold weather here.

To get used to doing

We use 'to get used to doing' to talk about the process of something becoming normal for us.

- I didn't understand the accent when I first moved here, but I quickly got used to it.
- I have always lived in the country, but now I'm beginning to get used to living in the city.