



A: How do you feel about your new job? Are you getting used to the new routine?

B: Getting up so early in the morning is still a bit difficult. I used to work in a restaurant and the hours were very different. I was used to staying in bed late in the morning, and having a long, slow breakfast.

A: Did you prefer working in the evenings, then?

B: No, not at all. I love finishing at noon. Give me another couple of weeks and I'm sure I'll be used to getting up at four o'clock!

### Presentation

You can use *used to* as an adjective:

*I'm used to working at night.* (= I'm accustomed to working at night.)

#### **be used to**

Use *be used to* to explain that someone is familiar with a situation or a routine:

*I'm used to staying in bed late.*

Don't use *be used to* in the continuous:

~~*I'm being used to*~~ working late at night.

#### **get used to**

Use *get used to* in the present continuous to explain that someone is in the process of becoming familiar with a situation:

*I'm getting used to working early in the morning.*

Use the past simple to show that the process is complete:

*I quickly got used to the new routine.*

#### **used to (verb) and be/get used to (verb + adjective)**

When you use *used to* as a verb, it is followed by the infinitive:

*I used to work nights.*

You can only use *used to* as a verb to talk about the past.

Use *be/get used to* with a noun or with verb + *-ing*:

*I'm used to early mornings.* (noun)

*I'm getting used to working early in the morning.* (verb + *-ing*)

You can use *be/get used to* to talk about the past, present or future:

past: *I was/got used to getting up late.*

present: *I'm/I'm getting used to working in the morning.*

future: *I'll be/get used to getting up at four o'clock.*

### 1 Choose the correct options.

I grew up in the city, so <sup>1</sup>*I'm* / *I'm getting* used to noise and traffic. It's taking me some time to <sup>2</sup>*be* / *get* used to the peace and quiet out here in the country!



Our daughter is almost a year old now. <sup>3</sup>*I'm slowly* / *I'm slowly getting* used to life as a parent. I quickly <sup>4</sup>*was* / *got* used to the sleepless nights and the toys all over the house. And I know I'll have to <sup>5</sup>*be* / *get* used to being called "Daddy" pretty soon, too, when Rosie starts talking.



### 2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *be* or *get*.

- 1 He ..... used to traveling on the train to work every day. He'd been doing it for years and always took a book with him.
- 2 They soon ..... used to the new routine and really enjoyed the change.
- 3 Moving to a new town can be quite stressful, but I'm sure I ..... used to it pretty quickly.
- 4 At the beginning, I ..... (not) used to working nights and I found it very difficult to adapt.
- 5 She had always lived alone and ..... used to having the house to herself, so she didn't like having visitors to stay.
- 6 We ..... (not) used to all this noise and we're finding it very difficult to sleep at night.

### 3 Complete the dialogue with the correct form of *used to*, *be used to*, and *get used to*.

- A: So, what <sup>1</sup> ..... you ..... do before you became a teacher?
- B: I <sup>2</sup> ..... work as a banker in London.
- A: Why did you decide to become a teacher?
- B: My working life <sup>3</sup> ..... be very stressful. I <sup>4</sup> ..... working ten or twelve hours a day and under a lot of pressure. It was very tiring and I decided it was time for a change.
- A: Was it difficult to <sup>5</sup> ..... your new lifestyle?
- B: Well, I <sup>6</sup> ..... earning a lot more money, so it took me a bit of time to <sup>7</sup> ..... living on a teacher's salary! And I <sup>8</sup> ..... (not) working with kids, but now I'm slowly <sup>9</sup> ..... the role of teacher and I'm loving every minute of it – well, almost!
- A: And what about your new working routine?
- B: I <sup>10</sup> ..... the shorter working hours and the longer vacations very quickly! I only <sup>11</sup> ..... take ten or fifteen days' vacation a year when I was a banker. Now I have six weeks' vacation in the summer alone. That's great!

### 4 Complete these sentences so that they are true for you.

- 1 I'm used to ..... at work/school/college.
- 2 I'm still not used to .....
- 3 I'm slowly getting used to .....