

Get Used To

Point 1: The modal verb phrase '**be used to**' and '**get used to**' express how a person became familiar or accustomed to do something.

1. I am used to living alone. (It is easy.)
2. I am not used to living alone. (It is not easy.)
3. I am getting used to waking up early. (It is becoming familiar.)
4. I am not used to getting up early. (It is still not each to do.)

Point 2: The verb phrase has three parts:

Subject + be + used to + gerund
Subject + get + used to + gerund

Question

1. Are you used to driving in the rain?
2. Are you getting used to driving on the left side?
3. Have you gotten used to working from home?
4. Have you gotten used to studying at home?

Affirmative

1. I am used to working at a desk.
2. She is used to dealing with difficult people.
3. I got used to living with a roommate.
4. They quickly got used to living without hot water.

Negative

1. They aren't used to working together.
2. He isn't used to eating with chopsticks.
3. She hasn't gotten used to working from home.
4. She is used to driving a large car.

Point 3: Be used to vs. Get used to - There is a slight difference in meaning between the two forms. The verbs 'get' means there was a change in familiarity. The verb 'be' refers to the feeling always existing.

1. I was used to being teased as a kid. (It was always the situation.)
2. I got used to being teased as a kid. (I learned how to deal with teasing.)

Point 4: The use of 'be used to' and 'get used to' changes by tense. Except for the present simple, most forms use 'get' as the auxiliary.

Present tense (be: am, is, are)

1. I am used to working alone.
2. I am not used to cooking for myself.
3. She is used to feeling tired.

Continuous (getting)

1. I am getting used to studying online.
2. I was just getting used to having you around, and now you're leaving!

Past (was, were, got)

1. I was used to being picked last as a kid.
2. I didn't like it, but I got used to it.

Gerund (getting)

1. I am having trouble getting used to it.

Perfect (gotten)

1. I haven't gotten used to wearing a suit at work.

Point 5: Pronunciation - The particle 'to' is heavily reduced in natural spoken English.

1. I'm used to living alone.
2. I am slowly getting used to wearing a suit.
3. She is used to being around kids.
4. I'm still getting used to sharing my apartment with a roommate.

Point 5: The gerund is often replaced with the pronoun 'it'; but when this happens the particle 'to' is pronounced clearly and not heavily reduced.

1. Do you like working behind a desk?
 1. No, but I am getting used **to** it.
2. I hate attending parties, but I am getting used **to** it.
3. I loathed wearing a suit after college, but I got used **to** it.

Point 6: In spoken English, if the gerund appears as the subject of a sentence, the gerund or pronoun is sometimes omitted. The particle 'to' is not reduced and clearly pronounced.

1. Living alone takes some time getting used to.
 1. It takes some time getting used to living alone.

2. Being criticized is something that he is not used to.
 1. He is not used to being criticized.
3. Driving at night took a while getting used to.
 1. It took a while getting used to driving at night.

Get used to

Watch four videos using the modal "get used to" in conversation.

Conversation 1 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: How's the new job?

Woman: Good, but I *'m* still **not used to** the long commute.

Man: Really, how long is it?

Woman: It's three hours each way.

Man: Give it time. You'll **get used to** it.

Woman: I'm not sure about that.

Conversation 2 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: How is the new computer?

Woman: OK, but it's hard **getting used to** the new operating system.

Man: Yeah, but it should be faster, right?

Woman: Wrong. I *'m* **used to** my old keyboard shortcuts. These ones are different.

Man: Yeah, but you'll **get used to** it in no time.

Woman: I guess. But for now, it's frustrating.

Conversation 3 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: Have you ever worked overseas?

Woman: Yeah, I worked in Japan for two years.

Man: Oh, really? How was it?

Woman: Great, but it took a while **getting used to** living there.

Man: Really? What was hard **getting used to?**

Woman: Well, using chopsticks for one. Also, knowing how to interact with people.

Man: Wow, that does sound difficult.

Woman: It was hard at first, but I **got used to** it eventually.

Conversation 4 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: How's the new baby?

Woman: Great! Life couldn't be better.

Man: How are you doing on sleep?

Woman: Good. I only sleep a few hours a night, but I'm *getting used to* it.

Man: I could never *get used to* that.

Woman: People say that, but once you deal with it, it's not that bad.

Man: Says you!

Quiz

Answer these questions about the interview.

1) Does the woman think she will get used to the commute?

a) Yes, she does.

b) No, she does not.

c) She does not say.

2) What is the woman having trouble getting used to?

a) The small keys.

b) The different keyboard.

c) The screen size.

3) What was hard getting used to in Japan?

a) Eating

b) Reading

c) Nothing

4) What is the woman getting used to?

a) Sleeping less

b) Speaking to a baby

c) Cooking for a baby

Gap Fill: Listen to the audio. Type in the correct word!

Conversation 1

Man: How's the new **job/jobs**?

Woman: Good, but I'm still not used to the long **commuting/commute**.

Man: Really, how **for/long** is it?

Woman: It's three hours each **way/ways**.

Man: Give it time. You'll get **use/used** to it.

Woman: I'm not sure **about/around** that.

Conversation 2

Man: How is **the/a** new computer?

Woman: OK, but it's hard getting used to the new **operating/operation** system.

Man: Yeah, but it should be faster, **rightly/right**?

Woman: Wrong. I'm used to my old keyboard shortcuts. These **one/ones** are different.

Man: Yeah, but you'll get used to it in **now/no** time.

Woman: I guess. But for now, it's **frustrated/frustrating**.

Conversation 3

Man: Have you ever **worked/working** overseas?

Woman: Yeah, I worked in Japan **for/from** two years.

Man: Oh, really? **How/What** was it?

Woman: Great, but it took a while getting used to **living/lived** there.

Man: Really? What was hard getting **used/use** to?

Woman: Well, using chopsticks for one. Also, knowing how to interact **from/with** people.

Man: Wow, that does **sounds/sound** difficult.

Woman: It was hard at first, but I got used to it **eventual/eventually**.

Conversation 4

Man: How's the **nownew** baby?

Woman: Great! Life couldn't be **bestbetter**.

Man: How are you doing on **sleepsleepy**?

Woman: Good. I only sleep a few hours a night, but I'm **gettinggot** used to it.

Man: I could never get used **totoo** that.

Woman: People say that, but once you deal **onwith** it, it's not that bad.

Man: **SayingSays** you!

Corporate Vocabulary - Business

ROI (Return on Investment): A performance measure used to evaluate the efficiency of an investment.

B2B (Business-to-Business): Commercial transactions between businesses.

B2C (Business-to-Consumer): Commercial transactions between a business and the direct consumer.

Scalable: Able to be changed in size or scale.

Disruptive: Causing or tending to cause disruption, especially of an established business model.

Game Changer: A new product or service that can significantly modify the business environment