

USED TO, BE USED TO, GET USED TO (Chart 10-1)

Example: Jane is American, but she has lived in Britain for three years. When she first drove a car in Britain, she found it very difficult because she had to drive on the left instead of on the right.

Driving on the left was strange and difficult for her because:

She wasn't used to it.

She wasn't used to driving on the left.

But after a lot of practice, driving on the left became less strange. So:

She got used to driving on the left.

Now, after three years, it's no problem for Jane:

She is used to driving on the left.

1. Juan is Spanish and came to live in England. In Spain, he always had dinner late in the evening, but in England dinner was 6 o'clock. This was very early for him.

2. When Juan first came to England, he _____ dinner so early, but after some time, he _____ it. Now, he finds it quite normal. He _____ at six o'clock.

3. Julia is a nurse. A year ago she started working nights. At first she found it hard. At first, Julia didn't like it. She _____ nights and it took her a few months to _____ it. Now, after a year, she's quite happy. She _____ works at nights.

4. Lorena studies at Fulbright. When she started studying here, she _____ getting up at 6 A.M. in the morning. It took her a long time to _____, but now she doesn't even need to set her alarm because she's _____ getting up at 6 A.M.

5. It can take your mouth a long time to _____ pronouncing new sounds in different languages.

6. Roberta recently had a baby daughter. Before she had her baby, she _____ sleeping for 10 hours a night. Since she had her baby, she _____ being tired all the time.

7. When people from different countries move to Ecuador, it takes them a while to _____ to the different culture.

8. I am _____ speaking Spanish now because I have lived in Ecuador for two years.

9. I don't think I'll ever _____ eating chicken for breakfast.

SELF-STUDY: Used to and be used to (Chart 10-1)

Directions: Complete the sentences with used to or be used to and the correct form of the verbs in the parentheses.

1. I (*live*) _____ Baghdad, but now I live in Moscow.
2. I (*live*) _____ in Baghdad. I've lived here all my life.
3. Jane (*work*) _____ for the telephone company, but now she has a job at the post office.
4. This work doesn't bother me. I (*work*) _____ hard. I've worked hard all my life.
5. Ted (*have*) _____ a mustache, but he doesn't anymore. He shaved it off because his wife didn't like it. I (*see, not*) _____ him without his mustache. He still looks weird to me.
6. When I was a teenager, I (*think*) _____ anyone over 40 was old. Of course, now that I'm middle-aged, I agree with those who say, "Life begins at 40."
7. It (*take*) _____ weeks or months to cross the Atlantic Ocean from Europe to the Americas, but now it takes only a matter of time.
8. Although Daniel is only 12, he (*fly*) _____ on airplanes. His father is a pilot and has taken Daniel with him on a plane many times.
9. When I was growing up, my father often sent me to the neighborhood store to get something for him. And each time I went there, Mr. Hooper, the owner, (*give*) _____ me a piece of candy and cigarettes.
10. Miguel (*take*) _____ care of himself. He left home when he was 16 and has been on his own ever since.

SELF-STUDY: Used to and would (Chart 10-1)

Directions: In the sentences below, use would and the verb in parentheses whenever possible.

Otherwise, use used to.

1. When I was 10 years old, I _____ (*have*) a white rabbit.
2. My brother never liked to help around the house. Whenever my mom asked him to, he _____ (*always, hide*) from her. Usually, he was only joking and _____ (*help*) when it was necessary.
3. I have fond memories of my Uncle Santiago. Whenever he came to visit, he _____ (*bring*) a small present for me. It was either booze or playing cards with girls in bikinis.
4. The American Indians _____ (*rely*) heavily on gathering and hunting for their food.

5. When I was a car salesman, it seemed to me that I was in my car most of the time. I _____ (*drive*) to work to pick up my schedule, and then go from place to place all day, calling on small businesses.
6. People _____ (*think*) the world was flat.

REPEATED ACTION: *Would* (Chart 10-1)

Directions: Complete the sentences using would and the verbs in the box. Use each verb only once. Include any words in parentheses.

<i>bring</i>	<i>drive</i>	<i>listen</i>	<i>throw</i>
<i>call</i>	<i>fall</i>	<i>take</i>	<i>wipe</i>
<i>come</i>	<i>knock</i>	<i>tell</i>	<i>yell</i>

1. My mother never liked to talk on the phone. When it rang, he (*always*) _____, "I'm not here!" Typically, he was only joking and _____ to the phone if it was for him.
2. I'll always remember Miss Elberson, my third grade teacher. Sometimes a student _____ asleep in her class. Whenever that would happen, Miss Elberson _____ a piece of chalk at the student!
3. Until we finally had a long talk about it, my Uncle Bill (*never*) _____ before coming over. In fact, he (*not even*) _____ on the door. He would just walk in and catch us all by surprise.
4. I have fond childhood memories of my Uncle Stew. Whenever he came to visit, he (*always*) _____ me a little present.
5. When our kids were still living at home, I liked to go out to eat lunch with my family. On every payday, I _____ the family to some restaurant for lunch.
6. People pick up strange habits. For instance, my Uncle Marcelo, who lived with us when I was a child, (*always*) _____ his plate with his napkin whenever he sat down to a meal.
7. I'll never forget evenings spent with my grandparents when I was a child. My grandmother _____ stories of her childhood seventy years ago, and we _____ intently and question her for every detail.
8. When I was a salesman, it seemed to me that I was in my car most of the time. I _____ to work to pick up my schedule, and then go from place to place all day, calling on small businesses.