**…...used to**

**……be used to**

**…….get used to**

**● Used to** is used to describe an activity or a state that **happened** many times in the past to refer to an activity or state that was true in the past but is no longer true. “Used to” is considered a **modal verb**, though an unusual one, since it is only found in the past tense.

subject + **used to** + **verb** (base)

He **used to** **smoke** . (but now he doesn't smoke).

I **used to** **have** long hair. (but now I have short hair).

They **used to** **live** in India . (but now they live in Germany).

**● be used to** is used to describe an activity or a state you are **accustomed** to it. The verb “**be**” can take the **present**, **past** or **future** tense (though future is less common).

subject + **be + used to + gerund (ing), noun or pronoun**

I **am used to waking** (ing) hard. It means I am **accustomed to** it.

She **is used to Ahmed** (noun). She doesn’t think Ahmed is strange.

They **are used to her** (pronoun).

**● get used to** is used to describe an activity or a state you become **accustomed** to it. The verb “**get**” can take the **present**, **past** or **future** tense. **Get used** shows that something is in the process of becoming normal (more familiar).

subject + **get + used to + gerund (ing), noun or pronoun**

I **got used to** waking up early**.**

I **got used to** the noise.

She**'ll get used to** her new life.

Suggestions

A suggestion is an idea someone proposes. You can accept or reject a suggestion. If we make a suggestion, it means that we mention a possible course of action to someone. Making a suggestion means telling another person what we think that they should do or what we think is a good idea. We are giving our opinion about what action another person should take.

There are a number of expressions which we use to make suggestions***.***

**How about / what about + -ing / noun ?**

How about starting a book club? What about opening your present now? How about trying this restaurant? How about this magazine ? How about the blue hat? It looks good.

**Why don't/doesn't + subject + verb...?**

Why don't you quit?

Why don't you try football game?

Why doesn't he try to save more money?

Why doesn't she break up with her boyfriend?

Why don't you buy a new car? Yours always breaks down.

**Let’s … and let’s not …**

We use ***let’s (let us)*** to make suggestions about doing something with someone:

**Let’s** call Mahdi and see if he knows how to fix it.

**Let’s** make a curry tonight.

We use ***let’s not*** to make negative suggestions:

**Let’s not** argue about this.

**Let’s not** spend all night talking about my problems.

**Shall…?**

Using***Shall*** is another way to make a suggestion. However, it sounds a lot more **formal** and is more common in British English. One thing to note when using *Shall* to make suggestions: it is only used with the subjects *I*and *we*.

The structure is: **shall + subject + simple verb form**

For example:

**Shall** *we go to Ahmed?*

**Shall** I start ?

**suggest**

Either use a **verb + ing**  
I **suggest** **visiting** the Eiffel Tower.

**OR** use **that + a verb** without to  
I **suggest that you visit** the Eiffel Tower.

**OR** use a **noun**  
I **suggested** **an Italian dish**.

**Exercise 1**

. My mother \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cook on Sundays.

 used to  
 is used to

2. Didn't you use to \_\_\_\_\_ ?

 swim  
 swimming

3. I didn't use to \_\_\_\_\_ this much TV.

 watch  
 watching

4. You will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ noisy children soon.

 used to  
 be used to

5. Allison used to \_\_\_\_\_ my best friend.

 be  
 being

6. I used to \_\_\_\_\_ a glass of red wine every day.

 drinking  
 drink

7. I was used to \_\_\_\_\_ sunshine in Hawaii.

 seeing  
 see

8. Are you used to \_\_\_\_\_ spicy food?

 eat  
 eating

9. My brother is used to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ early for school.

 get up  
 getting up

10. Did you \_\_\_\_\_ to eat meat?

 use  
 used

**Exercise 2**

Q1 - I'm not used to \_\_\_\_ up this early.

get

getting

Q2 - I used to \_\_\_\_ a lot.

read

reading

Q3 - You'll have to get used to \_\_\_\_ on the right when you live there.

drive

driving

Q4 - I didn't use to \_\_\_\_ it, but I do now.

like

liking

Q5 - I found it hard to get used to \_\_\_\_ in such a hot country.

live

living

Q6 - Where did you use to \_\_\_\_ when you visited?

stay

staying

Q7 - It took me a while to get used to \_\_\_\_ the language.

speak

speaking

Q8 - I used to \_\_\_\_ hard when I was a student.

work

working

Q9 - Have you got used to \_\_\_\_ it yet?

do

doing

Q10 - I'm not used to \_\_\_\_ so much tea.

drink

drinking