



ENGLISH GRAMMAR 2 INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

Unit 61 – be/get used to ... (I'm used to ...)

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NGHIÊN CỨU TÌNH HUỐNG

A

Lisa is American, but she lives in Britain. When she first drove a car in Britain, driving on the left was a problem for her because:

She **wasn't used to it**.

She **wasn't used to driving** on the left .
(because Americans drive on the right)

But after some time, driving on the left became easier.

She **got used to driving** on the left .

Now it's no problem for Lisa:

She **is used to driving** on the left.



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BE USED TO SOMETHING

B

❖ I'm used to something = it is not new or strange for me

You can say:

be	used to	something
get		doing something

- EX1: Paul lives alone. He has lived alone for a long time, so it is not strange for him. He's used to it. He **is used to living** alone.
- EX2: I bought some new shoes. They felt a little strange at first because I **wasn't used to them**.
- EX3: Our new apartment is on a busy street. I expect we'll **get used to the noise**, but at the moment it's very disturbing.
- EX4: Helen has a new job. She has to get up much earlier now than before – at 6.30. She finds this difficult because she **isn't used to getting** up so early.
- EX5: Katherine's husband is often away from home. She doesn't mind this. She's **used to him being** away.

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BE / GET USED TO + DOING SOMETHING

C

- ❖ We say *'be/get used to doing something'* (not *I'm used to do*).
 - EX6: Lisa is used to **driving** on the left. (not is used to drive)
 - EX7: I'm used to **living** alone. (not I'm used to live)
- ❖ When we say *'I am used to ...'*, **to** is a preposition:
 - EX8: We're not used to

{	the noise.
	it.
	living here. (not live here)
- ❖ Compare **to + infinitive (to do, to live etc.)**:
 - EX9: We don't want **to live** here.

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TO BE USED TO ... v.s USED TO

D

Compare I am used to doing and I used to do:

❖ I am used to (doing) something = it isn't strange or new for me:

- EX10: I'm used to the weather here.
- EX11: I'm used to **driving** on the left because I've lived in Britain a long time.

❖ I used to do something = I did it regularly in the past but no longer do it. We use this only for the past (I used ...), not for the present. See Unit 18.

- EX12: I **used to drive** to work every day, but these days I usually go by bike.
- EX13: We **used to live** just outside the town, but now we live near the center.

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BÀI TẬP NHANH

Select the best answer.

Lisa had to get used to _____ on the left.

- A. drive
- B. to drive
- C. **driving**
- D. drove

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TÓM TẮT

1. Cấu trúc “**be used to something**” hoặc “**be used to doing something**” có nghĩa là “**quen với cái gì đó**” hoặc “**quen làm việc gì đó**” - *She is used to driving on the left.*
2. Cần phân biệt “**be used to doing something**” với “**used to do something**”
 - “**be used to doing something**” nghĩa là đã quen với việc gì đó. “**to**” ở đây là một giới từ, và động từ theo sau ở dạng “**V -ing**” - *I'm used to living alone.*
 - “**used to do something**” chỉ một thói quen trong quá khứ. Sau “**to**” phải là động từ nguyên mẫu - *We used to live just outside the town, but now we live near the center.*