**EXERCISES: USED TO / BE USED TO**

Source: English Grammar in Use

18.1 Complete these sentences with use(d) to + a suitable verb.

1. Dennis gave up smoking two years ago. He ... used to smoke... 40 cigarettes a day.
2. Liz ... used to ... a motorbike, but last year she sold it and bought a car.
3. We ... used to ... live in Manchester a few years ago. We ... used to ... in Nottingham.
4. I rarely eat ice cream now but I ... used to ... it when I was a child.
5. Jim ... used to ... my best friend but we aren't friends any longer.
6. It only takes me about 40 minutes to get to work since the new road was opened. It ... used to ... more than an hour.
7. There ... used to ... a hotel opposite the station but it closed a long time ago.
8. When you lived in London, ... used to ... to the theatre very often?

18.3 Compare what Carol said five years ago and what she says today.

**FIVE YEARS AGO**
- I travelled a lot.
- I played the piano.
- I was very lazy.
- I didn't like cheese.
- I had a dog.

**TODAY**
- I'm a hotel receptionist.
- I've got lots of friends.
- I've got lots of money.
- I don't like cheese.
- I go to a lot of parties.

**NEW SENTENCES**

1. She used to travel a lot, but she doesn't travel much these days...
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18.4 Read the situations and complete the sentences. Use (be/get) used to as in the example.

1. Jane is American. She came to Britain and at first she found driving on the left difficult.
   - When she arrived in Britain, she ... used to ... driving... on the left, but she soon ... used to ... it. Now she has no problems. She ... used to ... on the left.
2. Juan is Spanish and came to live in England. In Spain he always had dinner late in the evening, but in England dinner was at 6 o'clock. This was very early for him.
   - When Juan first came to England, he ... used to ... dinner so early, but after some time he ... used to ... it. Now he finds it quite normal. He ... used to ... 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 ... used to ... nights and it took her a few months to ... used to ... it. Now, after a year, she's quite happy. She ... used to ... nights.
3. **Read the situation and complete the sentences using used to.**

1. Some friends of yours have just moved into a flat on a busy street. It is very noisy.
   They’ll have to **get used to the noise.**

2. Jack once went to the Middle East. It was very difficult for him at first because of the heat.
   He wasn’t .................................................................

3. Sue moved from a big house to a much smaller one. She found it strange at first.
   She had to ................................................................. in a much smaller house.

4. The children at school had a new teacher. She was different from the teacher before her but this
   wasn’t a problem for the children. The children soon .................................................................

5. Somebody from Britain is thinking of going to live in your country. Warn him/her!
   You would have to .................................................................
18.1
2 used to have / used to ride
3 used to live
4 used to like / used to love / used to eat
5 used to be
6 used to take
7 used to be
8 did you use to go

18.3
2–10
She used to play the piano but she hasn’t played the piano for years.
She used to be very lazy but she works very hard these days.
She didn’t use to like cheese but she eats lots of cheese now.
She used to have a dog but it died two years ago.
She used to be a hotel receptionist but she works in a bookshop now.
She used to have lots of friends but she doesn’t know many people these days.
She never used to read newspapers but she reads a newspaper every day now.
She didn’t use to drink tea but she likes it now.
She used to go to a lot of parties but she hasn’t been to a party for ages.

60.1
2 he wasn’t used to having dinner so early, but after some time he got used to it ... He is used to having dinner at six o’clock. (or He is used to eating at six o’clock.)
3 She wasn’t used to working nights ... to get used to it ... She is used to working nights.

60.3
2 He wasn’t used to the heat / ... to the hot weather / ... to living in a hot climate.
3 She had to get used to living
4 The children soon got used to her. / ... to their new teacher.
5 (example answers) You would have to get used to the weather / to the food / to speaking a foreign language.