

IELTS with Fiona: 'used to be' vs 'used to being'

**“used to” + infinitive**

= a habit or state in the **PAST** which has **now changed**.

Meaning

- He was a teacher in the past
- He's not a teacher now

Form

- He used to be a teacher.
- He didn't use to work on a ship
- Did he use to be a teacher?

Pronunciation /ju:stə/

I used to be a teacher.

I /ju:stə/ be a teacher

What about you?

- I used to be a vegetarian.
- I used to live in Wales.
- I didn't use to like tech.

2. "used to" + ing verb

I **am used to** + *verb (ing)/noun*

= a **feeling** when something feels **normal**/easy after a while

- I'm used to driving on the left.
- He's used to driving on the left.
- They're used to driving on the left.

- I don't mind driving abroad - I'm used to it.
- I used to hate driving abroad - but I got used to it.
- I don't like driving abroad - I'm not used to driving on the right.

3. Usually

I **usually** drive on the left. = it's a **habit** (= adverb of frequency, like 'often' 'always' etc)

Practice - what about you?

Think about a time when you lived in a different place or had a different lifestyle e.g. before you got married/had children/started work/moved house.

- I used to _____
- It was difficult to get used to _____
- I wasn't used to _____
- I soon got used to _____
- Now, I usually _____

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- Do you think you could get used to living alone on an island?
- Did you use to read comics when you were a child?
- Do you usually have a nap (a short sleep) after lunch?

Extra

Situations A	Situations B
<p>You've got married.</p> <p>I used to _____</p> <p>I didn't use to _____</p> <p>I'm getting used to _____</p>	<p>You've moved from the countryside to the capital of your country.</p> <p>I used to _____</p> <p>I didn't use to _____</p> <p>I'm getting used to _____</p>
<p>You've started your first job.</p> <p>I used to _____</p> <p>I didn't use to _____</p> <p>I'm getting used to _____</p>	<p>You've just retired.</p> <p>I used to _____</p> <p>I didn't use to _____</p> <p>I'm getting used to _____</p>
<p>You've won a large sum of money.</p> <p>I used to _____</p> <p>I didn't use to _____</p> <p>I'm getting used to _____</p>	<p>You and your partner have had a baby.</p> <p>I used to _____</p> <p>I didn't use to _____</p> <p>I'm getting used to _____</p>
<p>You've become a famous musician.</p> <p>I used to _____</p> <p>I didn't use to _____</p> <p>I'm getting used to _____</p>	<p>You've passed your driving test.</p> <p>I used to _____</p> <p>I didn't use to _____</p> <p>I'm getting used to _____</p>
<p>You've moved from the city to the country.</p> <p>I used to _____</p> <p>I didn't use to _____</p> <p>I'm getting used to _____</p>	<p>You've started a diet.</p> <p>I used to _____</p> <p>I didn't use to _____</p> <p>I'm getting used to _____</p>
<p>You've given up smoking.</p> <p>I used to _____</p> <p>I didn't use to _____</p> <p>I'm getting used to _____</p>	<p>You've moved to Britain.</p> <p>I used to _____</p> <p>I didn't use to _____</p> <p>I'm getting used to _____</p>

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