

6B GRAMMAR *used to, be used to, get used to*

a Circle the correct form.



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I come from Germany, and I ¹used to live / **am used to living** in the north, in Hamburg, but then I moved to Madrid about five years ago. I had to ²**be used to** / **get used to** having lunch very late, at about 2:00 p.m., and dinner as late as 9:00 or 10:00 p.m. I love the weather in Spain – there are more sunny days and it's a lot warmer. In Germany, things ³**usually** / **use to** happen exactly on time, but here things are much more relaxed. I like that, too. The only thing I really miss is the bread! I ⁴**was used to being able** / **was used to be able** to choose from between 20 or 30 different kinds of bread, but here it's more like two or three, and white, not whole wheat. And sometimes I have problems with noisy neighbors, especially at night. That never ⁵**used to be** / **was used to being** a problem in Hamburg. People there ⁶**usually go** / **are used to going** to bed earlier.

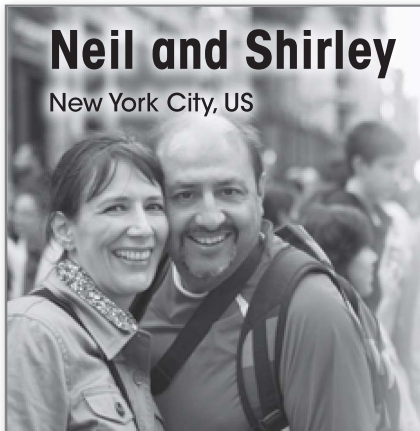
b Complete the text with *used to, am used to, get used to, or usually*.

I ¹used to live in St Louis, Missouri, but I married a Brazilian woman and now I live in San Paulo, Brazil. I've been here for six years now, so I ²_____ the lifestyle. Life is more hectic here than in Missouri. Brazilian people socialize more than the people do where I grew up, and I really enjoy that. I had to ³_____ eating lots of rice and beans with spicy chili sauce, which you can find everywhere in San Paulo. In the US, I ⁴_____ eat spicy food once or twice a month, and now I ⁵_____ have it once or twice a week! I also had to ⁶_____ the big city traffic. There can be traffic jams on the highways for miles. But now I ⁷_____ taking the subways and buses. I can take public transportation anywhere I need to go. It was also very hard for me to ⁸_____ the dialect they speak in San Paulo. I still sometimes have to ask people to repeat things. The only thing I can't ⁹_____ are the sports. I know, soccer is supposed to be the best sport in the world, but I miss baseball! In the US, I ¹⁰_____ play soccer, but it was baseball season I really loved. Still, I do enjoy a good soccer game, and Brazil is a very exciting place to be a soccer fan!



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c Complete the text with a verb from the list in the correct form.



Neil and Shirley
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We used to ¹live in England, but we've been living in New York City, since 2010. We're used to ²_____ here now, but at first it was quite hard. In England, we lived in the country, and when we first moved into our apartment in New York, I just couldn't get used to ³_____ cars and buildings instead of trees, but now it's not a problem. We love the energy of the city. Although we speak the same language, there are still some things here that are strange. People here usually ⁴_____ really late. The streets are still busy well past midnight, which we still haven't gotten used to. Summer doesn't feel right either – I haven't gotten used to ⁵_____ blue sky and sunny days, rather than our rainy English weather!

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d Complete the sentences with information about your life. Compare your answers with a partner.

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| 1 I usually _____. | 4 I'm not used to _____. |
| 2 I used to _____. | 5 It's difficult to get used to _____. |
| 3 I'm used to _____. | 6 I didn't use to _____. |