

USED TO, BE USED TO & GET USED TO

These look the same but they are all very different. For example:

I used to drive on the left. = **SOMETHING IN THE PAST THAT YOU NO LONGER DO!**

I am used to driving on the left. = **SOMETHING THAT YOU ARE ACCUSTOMED TO, YOU DON'T FIND IT UNUSUAL!**

I am getting used to driving on the left. = **SOMETHING THAT YOU ARE GETTING INTO THE HABIT OF DOING!**

USED TO = this is something you did in the past that you no longer do. It tells us that there was a repeated action or state in the past which has now changed:

"I used to study French."

"Fiona used to eat meat, but now she is a vegetarian."

Form: **USED TO** + **VERB** in its original form.

It can also be used to talk about past facts or generalizations which are no longer true:

"I used to live in Rome."

"Holly used to be fat, but now she is thin."

The negative is '**DIDN'T USE TO**':

"I didn't use to live in Paris."

Questions are formed with '**DID YOU USE TO ...?**':

"Did you use to live in Moscow?"

BE USED TO = if you are used to something, you are accustomed to it – you don't find it unusual. If we want to talk about a current habit or routine we use "be used to":

"I am used to doing exercise at the gym now."

GET USED TO = the process of becoming familiar with something.

"I'm finding this new exercise routine tough, but I'm sure I'll get used to it soon."

"It took my dad years to get used to living in the North after being born in London. "

Form: Be used to and get used = **A NOUN, PRONOUN OR THE -ING FORM OF THE VERB**, and can be used about the past, present or future.