

Online Learning: **Be Used To**

A confusing pair is 'used to' and 'be used to'.
Let's start with:

- I. **used to** (modal verb): If something used to happen, it happened regularly or all the time in the past, but does not happen now.

(a) **Statement Form:** Subject + used to + verb 1 (or infinitive without 'to')

For example:

- Yaya used to visit the Chulalongkorn University Language Institute two years ago.

(b) **Negative Form:** Subject + did not use to + verb 1

For example:

- Yaya did not use to visit the Chulalongkorn University Language Institute two years ago.

(c) **Interrogative Form:** Did + subject + use to + verb 1?

For example:

- Did Yaya use to visit the Chulalongkorn University Language Institute two years ago?

- II. **be/get used to + V.ing/something** is an expression for a present habit.

be/get used to + V.ing/something: to have experienced something enough so that it doesn't seem surprising or unfamiliar to you

(a) **Statement Form:** Subject + be/get used to + V.ing/something

For example:

- Tata is used to having coffee in the morning.

(b) **Negative Form:** Subject + is/are not used to + V.ing/something

For example:

- Tata is not used to having coffee in the morning.

(c) **Interrogative Form:** Is/Are + subject + used to + V.ing/something?

For example:

- Is Yaya used to having coffee in the morning?
- Do you believe that Yaya is/was used to having coffee in the morning?

Now, Let's test your comprehension!!

Directions: Choose the correct answer

1. What is the best meaning of the expression 'be used to'?
a) used to b) be accustomed to c) be good at d) all of the above

2. "Mrs. Smith _____ the silence of her home." In this context, what is the best answer in the blank?
a) used to
b) is used to
c) use to
d) are used to

3. "Did we use to live in Birmingham? Yes, we did." This exchange means that _____ .
a) We stayed in Birmingham for an extended period.
b) We live in Birmingham.
c) We plan to live in Birmingham.
d) We never lived in Birmingham.

4. "Our classmate, Minnie, arrived Bangkok last week. She was sick yesterday because she is used to cold weather." She must live in _____ .
- a) a humid country
 - b) a cold country
 - c) a hot country
 - d) a warm country
5. Which of the following sentence means, "I am not accustomed to going to bed before 9 p.m."?
- a) I am not used to going to bed before 9 p.m.
 - b) I didn't use to go to bed before 9 p.m.
 - c) I haven't gotten used to going to bed before 9 p.m.
 - d) Both a) and c)
6. From Question number 5, which of the following sentences has the same meaning?
- a) I always go to bed early.
 - b) I rarely go to bed early.
 - c) I sometimes go to bed early.
 - d) I never go to bed early.
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Answer keys

1. b

2. b

3. a

4. b

5. d

6. b