TIME & TENSE · PART 2

Then and now

used to · would · be used to · get used to

PAU English · Use of English · Transformations

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WARM-UP

Which one sounds right?

A

When I was a child, I **would live** in Paris.

B

When I was a child, I **used to live** in Paris.

Vote with your hands. Then tell your partner why.

WHY DO BOTH SOUND RIGHT TO US?

Spanish says «solía» for everything

ACTIONS · play, go, tell, visit

I **used to** play football.

I **would** play football.

Both are correct.

STATES · be, live, have, know, like

I **used to** live in Paris.

~~I would live in Paris.~~

Only **used to**.

B is correct. *Live* is a state, and **would** only works with repeated actions.

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PICTURE IT

Same words, three different ideas

PAST · OVER

I **used to work** at night.

I did it before. I don’t do it now.

NORMAL NOW

I **am used to working** at night.

It isn’t strange for me any more.

ADAPTING

I **am getting used to working** at night.

It is becoming normal, little by little.

Only the first one talks about the past. The other two are about being **accustomed**.

THE TRICK

Is there a «be» or «get» in front?

NO

used to + verb

a past habit or state

I used to **play** · There used to **be**

YES

be / get used to + -ing

accustomed · «to» is a preposition

I’m used to **getting up** early · I got used to **the noise**

YOUR TURN · 2 MINUTES

Used to, would… or both?

play football	live in Madrid	visit my grandparents	have long hair
tell stories	be shy	go to the beach	know everyone

Two lists: **both** and **only used to**. Then compare with your partner.

CHECK

Used to, would… or both?

both

play football

visit my grandparents

tell stories

go to the beach

only used to

live in Madrid

have long hair

be shy

know everyone

Careful: **have** long hair is possession → a state → only used to.

THE PAU TECHNIQUE

Four steps, one sentence

It took me some time, but **now** I feel **comfortable** working at night.

Given word: USED

1 · Past habit or accustomed? «Now I feel comfortable» → accustomed, not the past.

2 · State or process? It is the result, now → *be used to*.

3 · Add -ing. «To» is a preposition → *working at night*.

4 · Copy and check. Same meaning? «It took me some time» is inside the idea.

✓ I **am used to working** at night. also: I have got used to working at night.

ONE VERB, FOUR MEANINGS

Read the words in front of «used to»

USED TO	I **used to drive** on the left.	past habit · now I don’t
BE	I **am used to driving** on the left.	it is normal for me now
GET	I **am getting used to driving** on the left.	I’m adapting · in progress
HAVE GOT	I **have got used to driving** on the left.	the process is complete

PAU PRACTICE · 6 MINUTES

Your turn

1

When I was a child, I spent every summer at my grandparents' house.

USED

_____

2

My father read me a story every night when I was little.

WOULD

_____

3

Living alone felt strange to her at first, but now it is normal.

USED

_____

4

Our town had a cinema, but it closed years ago.

USED

_____

CHECK

Answers

1	When I was a child, I **used to spend** every summer at my grandparents' house.	past habit · also: would spend
2	My father **would read** me a story every night when I was little.	read = a repeated action
3	She **is used to living** alone now.	also: has got used to living
4	Our town **used to have** a cinema.	have = a state · would ✕

BE THE EXAMINER

What mark would you give?

Getting up early is no longer difficult for me. **(USED)**

a I am used to getting up early. **0,5 · 0,25 · 0 ?**

b I am used to get up early. **0,5 · 0,25 · 0 ?**

c I used to get up early. **0,5 · 0,25 · 0 ?**

BEFORE YOU WRITE

Three questions to ask yourself

1 Is it **over** (used to) or **normal now** (be used to)?

2 Is the verb an **action** or a **state**? Would can't live anywhere.

3 Is there **be** or **get** in front? Then **-ing**.

Homework: PAU English AI Lab → Time & Tense → «Used to and would» and «Be used to / get used to»