

## **‘Used to / Be used to / Get used to’ Summary**

### **Used to**

If I used to do something, it means that I did something before in the past but not now. It refers to things that we did regularly or habitually:

"I used to work in the IT sector."

"I used to go swimming every morning before work."

It can also be used to talk about things which were true in the past but not now:

"The company used to be based on the outskirts of the city, but we have since moved to an office in the town centre."

In the negative, we use 'didn't use to':

"I didn't use to enjoy working at my previous company, but I find my current work so much more fulfilling."

In questions, we use 'did you used to...?'

"Did you use to work at X company?"

### **Be used to and get used to**

If I am used to something, it means that something is normal for me and therefore it is not a problem. For example, if my work day starts very early in the morning, and someone asks me if I like it, I can say:

"It is ok because I am used to early mornings."

Here we are saying that it is not a problem for me because it is normal for me. We can also use this followed by an '-ing' form:

"It is ok because I am used to waking up early"

If something is still in the process of becoming normal, we can say that I am getting used to it:

"I am getting used to the early mornings."

Similarly, we can also use this followed by an '-ing' form:

"I am getting used to getting up early in the morning."

The phrase 'to get used to something' is often used in the present continuous - I am getting used to - because the process of something becoming normal is only a temporary one, because eventually it will be fully normal for you. Notice how in these sentences we often see to '-ing' forms in the same sentence:

"I am getting used to working with my new team."