

Hooked on caffeine

GRAMMAR

1 NEW LANGUAGE: Past simple, used to, usually?

Underline the correct verb form(s) in these sentences. (Sometimes two are possible.)

- When I was younger I *took/used to take/was taking* medicine every time I had a cold, but now I see a homeopathic doctor.
- Last year they *had/used to have/were having* their first hit record and now they're planning a tour.
- My father *used to live/usually lives/was living* in France when he *met/used to meet/was meeting* my mother.
- My grandmother *had/used to have/was having* a stroke last year.
- My doctor *usually prescribes/used to prescribe/was prescribing* tablets for my headaches, but they don't always work.
- When we lived in Hong Kong we often *watched/used to watch/were watching* CNN to keep in touch with the world news.
- Nowadays a lot of teenagers *usually listen/used to listen/listened* to the Top 20 every day.
- When my sister was pregnant, she *felt/used to feel/was feeling* sick every morning.

2 Used to, be used to, get used to

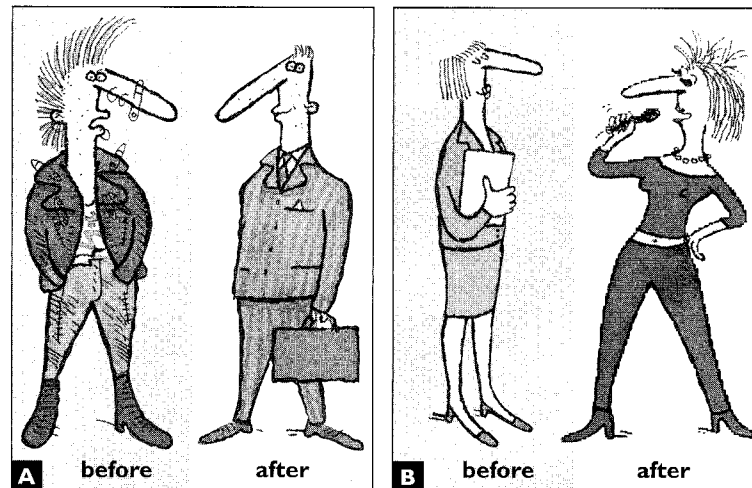
- a Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.
- My mother-in-law is used to _____ a sore throat because she has chronic pharyngitis. (have)
 - Newspapers didn't use to _____ such sensationalist articles. (print)
 - I'll have to get used to _____ with a laptop if I have to travel more. (work)
 - A lot of children always shout because they are not used to _____ quietly. (talk)

'The unfortunate thing about this world is that good habits are so much easier to give up than bad ones.'

W. Somerset Maugham, English writer

- I never used to _____ new words in a dictionary, but now I do. (look up)
- There didn't use to _____ cable and satellite TV in my street but now everyone has it. (be)
- Hypochondriacs get used to _____ about their illnesses. (complain)
- Richard didn't use to _____ his brother, but now they look almost identical. (look like)

- b Look at the pictures and complete the sentences with *used to/didn't use to, is/isn't used to* or *get used to* + the verb in the correct form.



A

- He _____ however he liked, but now he has to wear a suit. (dress)
- Before, he _____ sleep anywhere, but now he _____ in a comfortable bed. (be able to, sleep)
- He had to _____ early when he started work. (get up)
- He _____ people in authority when he was a punk. (look up to)

B

- She _____ from 9 to 5, but now she works all hours. (work)
- She _____ very much money, but now she's a millionaire. (have)
- She had to _____ interviews to the press when she became famous. (give)
- She _____ shy, but now _____ lots of people at parties. (be, meet)