

to get used to // to be used to

We use 'be used to' to talk about something we once found strange but which we now see as normal. It goes with either a noun phrase or a gerund.

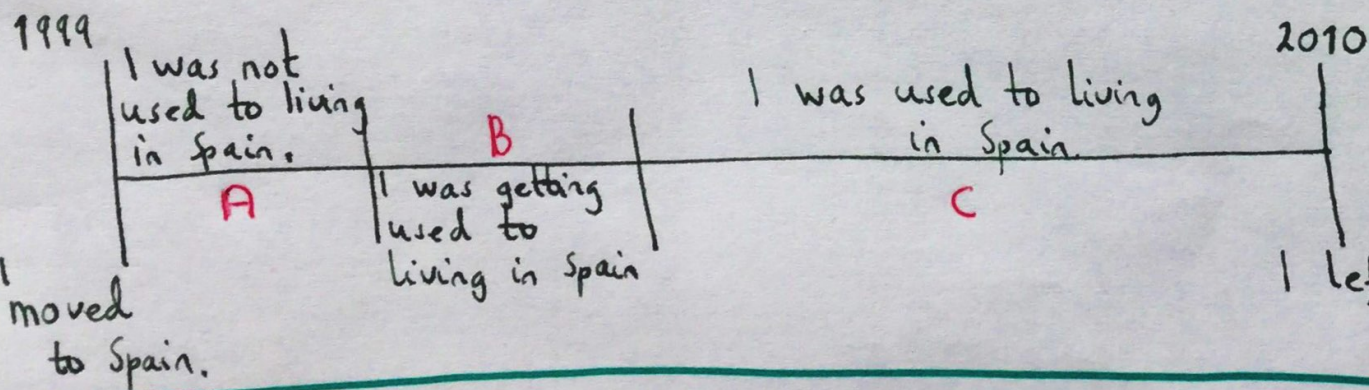
- I'm used to **Thai food** ^{noun phrase} now but at first I found it too spicy.
- I'm used to **having** ^{gerund} Thai food now but at first I found it too spicy.

We use 'get used to' to talk about the process of going from strange to normal.

- It took some time but I've got used to **driving** ^{gerund} on the right now.

Both 'be used to' and 'get used to' can be used across all tenses and with modal verbs.

Here's a timeline which should help you have a clearer picture:



In A we have 'be used to' in the Past Simple in the negative.
In B we have 'get used to' in the Past Continuous.
In C we have 'be used to' in the Past Simple.

A typical mistake is to mix up 'be used to' with 'used to'. 'be used to' goes with verb + ing, 'used to' goes with the infinitive, but now I live in Austria.