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English language: Session N° 02

## II-Simple continuous

We use the present continuous when we talk about something that is happening at the time of speaking:

### Examples

- Please don't make so much noise. I'm studying. (not I study)
- "Where is Peggy?" "She's taking a bath." (not she takes)
- Let's go out now. It isn't raining anymore.
- (at a party) Hello, Ann. Are you enjoying

# Exercise

Complete these sentences using one of these verbs: **get, become, change, rise, improve, fall, increase,**

1. The number of people without jobs .....at the moment.
2. He is still sick, but he.... better slowly.
3. These days food .....more and more expensive.
4. The world..... .Things never stay the same.
5. The cost of living. Every year things are .....more expensive.
6. George has gone to work in Spain. At first, his Spanish wasn't very good, but now .....it
7. The economic situation is already very bad, and .....worse.

## Exercise

Read this conversation between Brian and Steve. Put each verb into the correct form.

Brian and Steve **to meet** in a restaurant.

Brian: Hello, Steve. I haven't seen you for ages. What **to do** these days?

Steve: I **to work** in a department store.

Brian: Really? you **to enjoy** it?

Steve: Yeah, it's OK. How about you?

Brian: Well, I not **to work** at the moment, but I'm very busy.

I **to build** a house.

Steve: Really? ( 6 ) you **to build** it alone?

Brian: No, some friends of mine **to help** me.

# Grammar

- used to' + infinitive
- 'be' or 'get used to' + '-ing'

## Examples

- When I was a child, I used to play piano every week
- I fly many times a week, I'm used to taking-off and landing
- With the help of mom, I will get used to preparing the lemon cake

□ We use **used to + infinitive** to talk about a past situation that is no longer true. It tells us that there was a repeated action or state in the past which has now changed

✓ **Subject + used to + base verb + . . .**

- She used to drink green tea but now she prefers coffee

✓ **In the negative: Subject + didn't + use to + base verb + . . .**

- She didn't used to drink green tea but now she prefers coffee

✓ **In question: Did + subject + use to + base verb + . . . ?**

- did She used to drink green tea but now she prefers coffee?

“To be used to” and “to get used to” are both English expressions that deal with familiarity or adaptation to situations or routines, but they differ in meaning and usage. Here’s a clear explanation, with examples:

With be/get used to, there are two possible structures:

- **Subject + be/get + used to + -ing**
- **Subject + be/get + used + noun**

- **Be used to** means 'be familiar with' or 'be accustomed to'
    - In UK, peoples are used to driving on the left side of the road
  - We use **get used to** to talk about the process of becoming familiar with something
    - I'm finding this new job hard but I'm sure I'll get used to it soon

1. In the past, I had the habit of shopping in the store, but now I only shop online.

I \_\_\_\_\_ shop in the store and not online.

2. Eating a vegetarian diet is going to feel normal for you eventually.

You \_\_\_\_\_ eating vegetarian.

3. We didn't like your old habit of smoking.

We didn't like that \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Living on the top floor without an elevator feels normal to them now.

They \_\_\_\_\_ living without an elevator.

5. She is never going to adjust to that smell.

She is never going \_\_\_\_\_ that smell.

## Exercises

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of "be used to" or "get used to" plus the verb in -ing or noun:

I \_\_\_\_\_ wearing glasses because I just started last week.

She \_\_\_\_\_ working late hours after many years at her job.

They \_\_\_\_\_ live in a new city; it's still strange for them.

We \_\_\_\_\_ the noise from the nearby construction.

He \_\_\_\_\_ driving on the left side of the road after moving to England.

Are you \_\_\_\_\_ eating spicy food?

You will \_\_\_\_\_ speak English more fluently with practice.

My parents \_\_\_\_\_ waking up early every day.