6B GRAMMAR  used to, be used to, get used to

a  Circle the correct form.

I come from Germany, and I **used to live** / am used to living in the north, in Hamburg, but then I moved to Madrid about five years ago. I had to **be used to** / get used to having lunch quite late, at about 2:00 p.m., and dinner as late as 9:00 or 10:00 p.m. I love the weather in Spain – there are more sunny days and it’s a lot warmer. In Germany, things **usually** / use to happen exactly on time, but here things are much more relaxed. I like that, too. The only thing I really miss is the bread! I **was used to being able** / was used to be able to choose from between 20 or 30 different kinds of bread, but here it’s more like two or three, and white, not wholemeal. And sometimes I have problems with noisy neighbours, especially at night. That never **used to be** / was used to being a problem in Hamburg. People there usually go / are used to going to bed earlier.

b  Complete the text with used to, am used to, get used to, or usually.

I **used to** live in Sweden, but I married an Italian woman and now I live in Parma, Italy. I’ve been here for six years now, so I **usually** the lifestyle. Life is more hectic here than in Sweden. Italian people socialize more than Swedish people, and I really enjoy that. I had to **eat lots of pasta, particularly tortellini, which are Parma’s local speciality. In Sweden I **used to eat pasta once or twice a month, and now I **always** have it once or twice a week! I also had to **have it once or twice a week! I also had to **the different mentality. For example, people here are very family-orientated. This was new to me and hard to understand at first. But now I **having lunch every Sunday with my in-laws! It was also quite hard for me to **the dialect they speak in Parma. I still sometimes have to ask people to repeat things. The only thing I can’t **is the coffee. I know, espresso is supposed to be the best coffee in the world, but it’s just too strong for me. In Sweden I **drink a lot of coffee, but it was much weaker. Still, I do love the smell of espresso!**

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b  Complete the text with a verb from the list in the correct form.

We used to **live** in England, but we’ve been living in Queensland, Australia, since 2010. We’re used to **be here now, but at first it was quite hard. We live in the country, and when we first moved into the house I just couldn’t get used to **snakes in the garden, but now it’s not a problem. We just leave them alone. Although we speak the same language, there are still some things here that are strange. People here usually **really early, at about 5:00 a.m., which we still haven’t got used to. Christmas doesn’t feel right either – I haven’t got used to **roast turkey when the temperature is 40 degrees!

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d  Complete the sentences with information about your life. Compare your answers with a partner.

1  I usually ____________
2  I used to ____________
3  I’m used to ____________
4  I’m not used to ____________
5  It’s difficult to get used to ____________
6  I didn’t use to ____________