

Activity Type

Reading, writing, listening and speaking activity, group and pair work

Language Focus

'Used to'

'Didn't use to'

'Getting used to'

Aim

To play a guessing game where you talk about recent changes in your life using various forms of 'used to'.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two worksheets for each pair of students.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this 'used to' activity, students play a guessing game where they talk about recent changes in their lives using 'I used to...', 'I didn't use to...' and 'I'm getting used to...'

Procedure

Divide the class into two groups (A and B). Give each student a corresponding A or B worksheet.

Explain that the worksheet shows recent changes in the student's life. The students' task is to write sentences about what they used to do, didn't use to do, and what they are getting used to, regarding each situation.

As an example, write the following situation on the board:

You have started working out everyday.

I used to...

I didn't use to...

I'm getting used to...

Ask the students how they would complete each sentence and write their ideas on the board.

Examples:

I used to eat junk food and watch TV all day.

I didn't use to feel energetic.

I'm getting used to eating healthily.

Explain that the students are going to complete the sentences on their worksheet in a similar way, without giving away the situation in their sentences.

Working with the people in their group, the students complete the sentences in a way that is appropriate for each situation.

When the students have finished writing, have them pair up with someone from the other group.

The students then take it in turns to read out the three sentences for each situation.

Their partner has three chances to guess the situation. For each correct guess, students score a point. The student with the most points at the end of the game wins.

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Student A**1. You have just retired.**

I used to

I didn't use to

I'm getting used to

2. You have won the lottery.

I used to

I didn't use to

I'm getting used to

3. You have moved from a big city to a small village.

I used to

I didn't use to

I'm getting used to

4. You have broken your leg.

I used to

I didn't use to

I'm getting used to

5. You have split up with your partner.

I used to

I didn't use to

I'm getting used to

6. You have been banned from driving.

I used to

I didn't use to

I'm getting used to

Student B**1. You have gone completely bald.**

I used to

I didn't use to

I'm getting used to

2. You have just started your first job.

I used to

I didn't use to

I'm getting used to

3. You have just graduated.

I used to

I didn't use to

I'm getting used to

4. You have moved to Australia.

I used to

I didn't use to

I'm getting used to

5. You have got married.

I used to

I didn't use to

I'm getting used to

6. You have learned to speak English very well.

I used to

I didn't use to

I'm getting used to