

FUMC ESL 3-11-2019 High Intermediate Lesson

Pronouncing three letter blends: Practice these word pairs. Notice that SCH is usually pronounced like SK.

scream - scroll	schedule - scholar	scrap - scratch	shrank - shred	splash - split	spring - sprint
square - squall	strange - strength	thread - threat	scribble - scrape	squid - squirm	strict - stripe

Choose the right word:

1. My teacher is too (strict - stripe).
2. Tie the boat up well. There is a (square - squall) blowing in from the north.
3. (Scream - scroll) down to the bottom of the page to see the contact number.
4. I am not the (schedule - scholar) my brother is. I excel at sports.
5. My favorite t-shirt (shrank - shred) in the wash.
6. Dad asked us to (scribble - scrape) the bubble gum off the bottom of our shoes.
7. The race was a short (spring - sprint).
8. Write your name and number on a (scrap - scratch) of paper.
9. If your eyes burn when you cut up an onion, (splash - split) water in your eyes.

USED TO:

If a person is “used to” something, it is familiar or she has experienced it so much that it is no longer strange or new. It can be used in the positive or negative sense, as in “used to” or “not used to”.

EX: I’ve lived in Central London for six years now, so I’m used to the noise.

At the beginning I couldn’t understand Americans, because I wasn’t used to the accent.

Pronunciation Note: Used to blends together such that the “d” sound on “used” is lost. It sounds like USETO.

“To be” verbs plus “used to” can be followed by ING forms, but **not** by infinitives.

EX: I am used to drinking coffee, but everyone here drinks tea.

NOT: I am used to drink coffee, but everyone here drinks tea.

EX: I am used to driving on the right side of the road.

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You do not have to follow “used to” with a verb. You can follow it with a noun or pronoun.

EX: She bothered me at first, but I am used to her now. The children are used to their new stepmother.

You can add “quite” or “very”. EX: I am quite used to studying alone. OR I am very used to traveling on trains by myself.

“Used to” can also mean something that you did in the past but don’t any more. In this form, “used to” is followed by an infinitive, not the ING form.

EX: I used to take tennis lessons at the park. NOT I used to taking tennis lessons at the park.

Sara used to come to lunch with us. NOT Sara used to coming to lunch with us.

Related to this usage, you can use “used to” to refer to a place that is no longer there. In this usage, “used to” is followed by “to be”

EX: There used to be a nice restaurant in that building, but it’s been replaced by a coffee house.

The post office used to be next to the bank.

Complete a “used to” sentence, given the information in the sentences below.

1. Previously John worked in a bank. He used to ...
2. For years, Mary worked for herself. Now she works for a big company. She is not adjusting well to the change. She can't get used to ...
3. Come on sleepyhead. Get out of bed. We have to rush to the airport if we want to make our flight. It's 4 AM. It feels like the middle of the night. I'm not used to ...
4. When we were little, we went to church every Sunday. We used to ...
5. A small grocery store was located there in 2005. There used to ...
6. Last winter, I practiced yoga every morning. I used to ...
7. Mark eats dessert after every meal. Mark is used to ...
8. She is wearing high heels for the very first time. She isn't used to ...
9. I just got a new camera. It has more features than my old camera. I'm not used to ...
10. My wife's family is very large and loud. I am an only child. I'm not used to ...
11. The food here is very strange. It is very different from the food at home. I'm not used to ...
12. We seldom eat beef in my country. We eat more fish and rice. I'm not used to ...
13. Before we were married, my husband and I often went dancing. We used to ...
14. When I was a girl, we wore uniforms to school. We used to ...
15. I visited my grandmother every weekend when I was young. I used to ...

DISCUSS:

1. Have your tastes changed in furniture and decor? Do you still like the same styles you used to like? For example, I used to like very traditional furniture, but now I like more contemporary styles.
2. How did you used to wear your hair when you were young? Do you wear it shorter or longer now? Do you color your hair now? Did you used to color your hair?
3. What are some things that you miss about your home country? What are some activities you used to do regularly that you don't do here?
4. Describe things that you used to do as a child.
5. What are some things your mother used to do for you that made you feel loved?
6. Talk about some things you had to get used to when you moved to Austin.