

Used to / get used to - guessing activity

Instructions

Grouping: groups of four

Copies needed: one per group. Cut the sheet as incated and give each student one of the texts below. Tell the students you are going to read out a situation which they have to guess (i.e. where are you and what are you doing).

Read out the first text and let the students guess as a whole-class activity.

Hand out the individual texts and allow them to read for a minute. Then each student should read their text and the others in the group should guess the situation.

I used to dream of being here and now I really am. I've got used to working with this small team of colleagues – we trained together for months before we left. And I 'm even getting used to floating around all the time – we had a lot of training, but I can't get used to my dinner floating away when I try to eat it, and I don't think I'll ever get used to looking out of the window and seeing the beautiful blue earth passing outside. It's so amazing.

You're an astronaut on a three-week mission to the International Space Station.

I used to watch TV programmes about this sort of thing. But I never thought I would experience it myself. I've got used to the tent and carrying all my stuff, and I'm getting used to the heat and humidity and getting bitten by mosquitoes and having to think about possible danger all the time. And I've also got used to the discomfort – not being able to take a shower, although sometimes we swim in natural pool if we find one. But I'll never get used to eating live insects!

You're on a scientific expedition in the Amazon rainforest.

I used to think only bad people were sent here but now I realize some of them have been unlucky and maybe do not deserve to be here. I've been here for six months and I've got used to the hard life such as getting up at six and the terrible food. And I'm getting used to the other people I share with. But I can't get used to not seeing my friends and family. Still, another six months and I'll be out!

You're serving a one-year prison sentence.

I used to dream of this and now it's really happened! All my hard work has paid off. Of course, I've got used to the luxury, the huge apartments and even the travel – three countries in two days. It's easy – palace is just like home now. I'm even getting used to having security men everywhere (there's even one in the toilet). But I don't think I'll ever get used to the idea that I'm not really free. I can't just walk out of the door and go to a bar or restaurant and have a drink and a meal.

You've been elected President of your courntry.