BE/GET USED TO & USED TO

Before you read the explanations below, watch this video from the Cambridge Youtube channel.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CK30zqwCnH4

1. USED TO + INFINITIVE – to talk about repeated actions or states in the past

I used to have curly hair.

He used to visit us every week.

!!! We can also use 'WOULD' to talk about repeated past habits, but not about past states

He would visit us every week.

2. BE USED TO = be accustomed to

+ NOUN/PRONOUN/VERB-ING

-This is a state

My parents are used to finding the walls in my little sister's bedroom covered with something.

I'm used to living alone.

I'm used to the cold.

3. GET USED TO = become accustomed to

+NOUN/PRONOUN/VERB-ING

-This is a process

I'm getting used to being my own boss.

They have got used to the long hours.

REMEMBER!

WOULD

1. WOULD LIKE + FULL/ LONG INFINITIVE (infinitive with to)

I'd like to join the football club.

2. THE CONDITIONAL – Conditional type 2
   I'd tell the truth if I were you.
3. WOULD RATHER = preference
   I'd rather stay in tonight, I'm tired.
4. WOULD = USED TO for past habits
   He would get only good marks at school.

Go to Learn English – British Council for extra practice. Read the explanations. Do the tasks. Check yourself.

https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/english-grammar-reference/talking-about-the-past