

B1 - GRAMMAR

GETTING A PROMOTION



used to + infinitive

be used to + gerund / noun

get used to + gerund / noun

DISCUSS



1. Have you ever changed jobs? What did you do? What do you do now?
2. Have you ever got a promotion? What is your current position?
3. Have you ever got a set of new responsibilities at work? Which ones?

SARAH'S CURRENT JOB

Sarah currently works at an IT company as a Junior Software Developer. Below you can find some of her job responsibilities. Say what she does using Present Simple.

1. Assist the development manager with software design and coding.
2. Attend and contribute to company development meetings.
3. Write and maintain code.
4. Work on minor bug fixes.
5. Write reports.
6. Conduct development tests.

1. She assists the development manager with software design and coding.

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GETTING A PROMOTION

Sarah got a promotion from junior developer to mid-level developer. Go over the list of her new responsibilities.

1. What are her new responsibilities?
2. Which responsibilities stayed the same?

OLD RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Assist the development manager with software design and coding.
2. Attend and contribute to company development meetings.
3. Write and maintain code.
4. Work on minor bug fixes.
5. Write reports.
6. Conduct development tests.

NEW RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Analyse technical requirements of the project and adapt the code.
2. Identify and develop areas for revisions in current projects.
3. Write and maintain code.
4. Develop quality assurance procedures.
5. Analyse the needs of users, designers and testers.
6. Conduct development tests.

GRAMMAR

USED TO + INFINITIVE

Compare Sarah's old and new job responsibilities. Write down sentences using Present Simple and used to + infinitive.

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USED TO + INFINITIVE

We use used to + infinitive to talk about a past situation that is no longer true.

To talk about situations that are true now, we use Present Simple.

In her previous job, she used to assist the development manager with software design and coding. Now she analyses technical requirements of the project and adapts the code.

She didn't use to develop quality assurance procedures, but now she does.

Did she use to write and maintain code? Yes, she did and she still does.

DISCUSS

Talk about your past and present job responsibilities using used to + infinitive and Present Simple.

In my previous job, I used to work as a secretary. I used to answer phone calls and direct them to other employees...

In my current job, I don't do that anymore. Now I...



SARAH'S NEW RESPONSIBILITIES

Job responsibility	Understanding
Analyse technical requirements of the project and adapt the code.	✓
Identify and develop areas for revisions in current projects.	✓✓
Write and maintain code.	✓✓✓
Develop quality assurance procedures.	✓✓
Analyse the needs of users, designers and testers.	✓
Conduct development tests.	✓✓✓

After a few weeks at the new company, Sarah learnt how to do a few of her new tasks, but is still learning other ones. Analyse the underlined structures. How are they different from used to + infinitive?

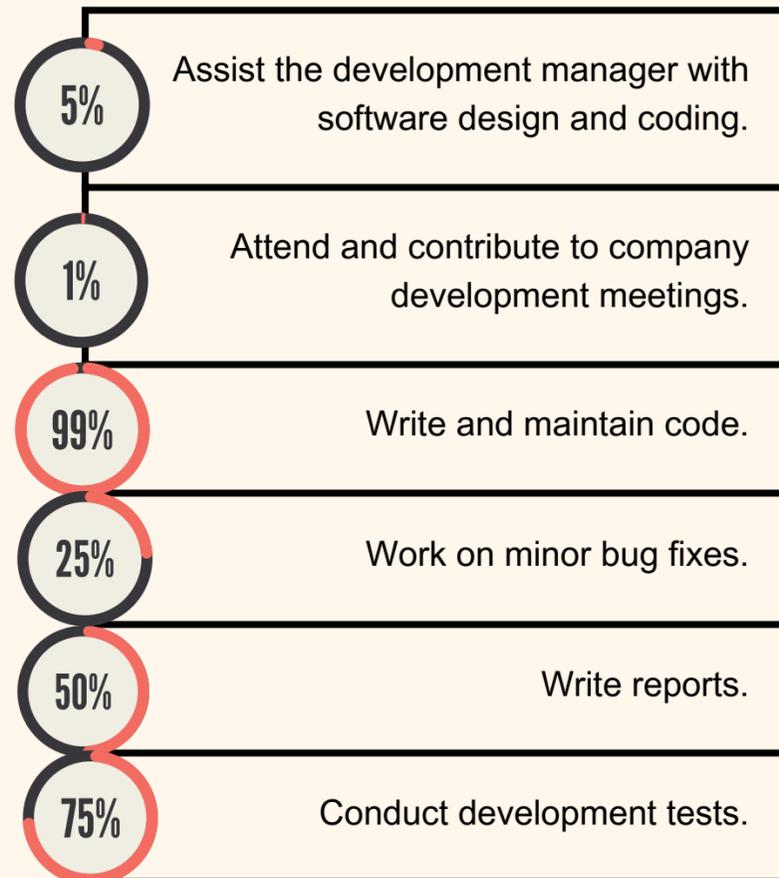
1. Sarah is not used to analysing technical requirements of the project and adapting the code.
2. She is getting used to identifying and developing areas for revisions in current projects.
3. She is used to writing and maintaining code.

Write down three more sentences using be used to + gerund / noun, get used to + gerund / noun.

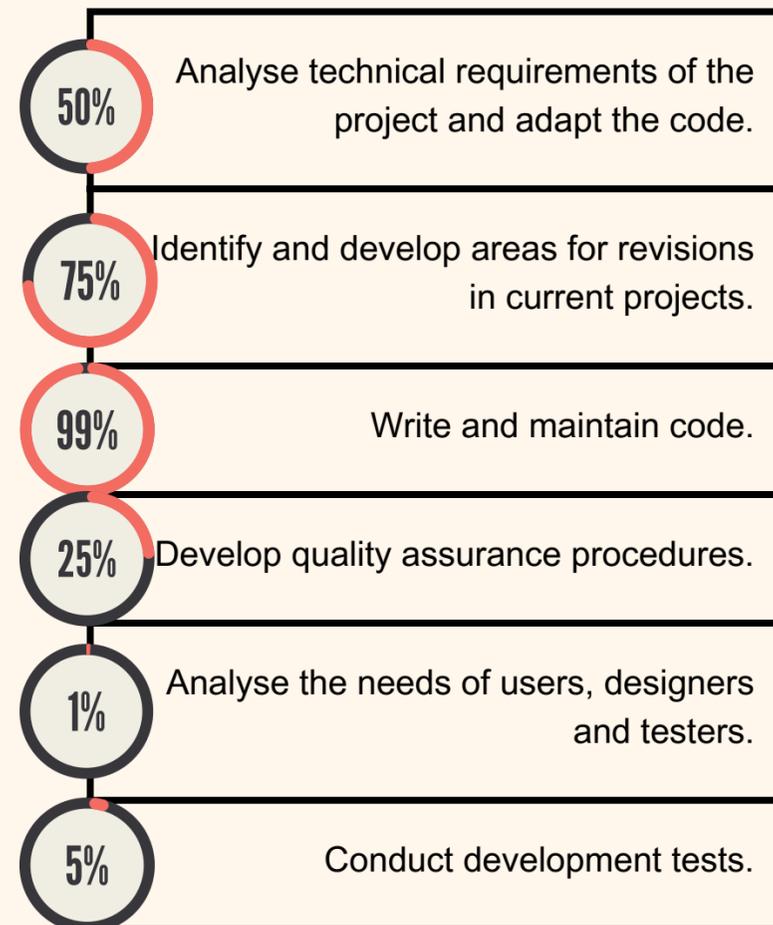
ROLE-PLAY

Imagine that you and your work colleague got promotions. Discuss what you are used to and getting used to doing in your new positions.

STUDENT A



STUDENT B



A: Are you used to analysing technical requirements of the project and adapting the code?

B: No, I am not used to it. I am still getting used to it. Are you used to writing and maintaining code?

A: Yes, I am used to it.

DISCUSS

1. Did you use to work in a field not related to your profession? What did you use to do?
2. How would you feel if you got a promotion? Would you need a lot of time to get used to new responsibilities?
3. What may be difficult when getting used to a new role?
4. How long do you think it takes to be used to a higher position?