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She wasn't used to it.
She wasn't used to driving on the left.

But after a lot of practice, driving on the left became less strange. So:
She got used to driving on the left.

Now after three years, it's no problem for Jane:
She is used to driving on the left.

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I'm getting used to doing something: it is new but I'm adapting to the situation.

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prepositions with ing

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She is afraid **of being** bitten by dogs.
I'm sorry **for not calling** you more often.
He left **without saying** goodbye.
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