QualityTime-ESL Podcast No. 40:
"To be interested in doing something" &
"To be used to doing something"

As you do the exercises orally, fill in the blanks or write down the answers when you hear these expressions or sentences in the recording. Please notice that all the exercises do not have gap-filling sections.

The main verbs we will be using today are:

___________________  ___________________
___________________  ___________________
___________________  ___________________

Structure number one: complete the sentences below.

I am interested ____________________________________________________
I am interested ____________________________________________________
I am interested ____________________________________________________
I am interested ____________________________________________________
I am interested ____________________________________________________
I am interested ____________________________________________________

Complete the following sentences.

___________________________ in visiting other places.
___________________________ in visiting other places.
___________________________ in visiting other places.
___________________________ in visiting other places.
___________________________ in visiting other places.
___________________________ in visiting other places.

Notice the big difference between: “He is interested in visiting other places.” and “He is interesting to talk to.” In the first example we use “interested,” and it is followed by IN + the ING form of the verb. “He is interested in visiting other places.” In the second example, “He is interesting to talk to” we use “interesting,” and it is followed by “TO” + the verb in the infinitive. Listen and repeat.

To distinguish between the two, you can in the second sentence put “fun” in the place of “interesting” producing the sentence “He is fun to talk to.” This is not possible with the first structure that we are working on today. So, let’s practice with the first example: “He is interested in doing something.”
Complete the following questions.

Are you interested ________________ new people?
Are you interested ________________ in a big firm?
Are you interested ________________ to foreign countries?
Are you interested ________________ about current events?
Are you interested ________________ with Americans?
Are you interested ________________ other places?

Structure number two: complete the sentences below.

I am used to ________________.
I am used to ________________.
I am used to ________________.
I am used to ________________.
I am used to ________________.
I am used to ________________.

Complete the following sentences.

_________ used to meeting new people.  ___________ used to meeting new people.
_________ used to meeting new people.  ___________ used to meeting new people.
_________ used to meeting new people.  ___________ used to meeting new people.

Complete the following sentences.

_________ used ________________ new people.
_________ used ________________ in a big firm.
_________ used ________________ to foreign countries.
_________ used ________________ about current events.
_________ used ________________ with Americans.
_________ used ________________ other places.

The final paragraph

I have always been __________________________ to speak foreign languages correctly. I
______________ foreigners and _________ to speak English with them. I
______________ newspapers and magazines in English. That’s why I
______________ a method that will help me progress. In the future
______________ drills that I will soon be using these structures
perfectly __________________ any stress or ___________________.