

## Belay and Isabel's Study Habits



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Belay and Isabel **are** both ESL students. They both **have** some good study habits, but they also **have** some bad habits.



- 2 Belay **comes** to class on time **every day**, but he **frequently comes** back from break late. He **always brings** his book and notebook to class, but he **never has** a pencil. Belay **sometimes asks** questions if he **doesn't understand**. **Usually** he **waits** for the teacher to check on him. He **has** a goal to learn more vocabulary, but he **never studies** vocabulary outside of class. He **usually takes** notes during class, but he **almost never looks** at them again after class. He **sometimes**
- 3 **visits** the school library after class to use the computer, but he **never checks out** books to read.

- Isabel **always comes** 15 or 20 minutes late to class because she is looking for parking. **Occasionally** she **misses** class for work. She **always sends** her teacher an email or **calls** the school to let the teacher know she will be absent. **Sometimes** Isabel **uses** her phone in
- 4 class to text friends, but she **usually pays** attention to the lesson. She **keeps** her class materials organized in a binder and **shares** her pencils with classmates. Isabel downloaded an app on her phone to study grammar in her free time outside of class. She also **reads** to her children **every night** in English and Spanish. It **helps** her and her children learn to read better.

Belay and Isabel **want** to learn English, so they **need** to continue their good study habits and **change** their bad habits.

## Check Your Comprehension

Select the best response for each question. Talk about it as a class and say which number paragraph helped you find the answer.

<p>1. What is the reading about?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Belay's study habits</li><li>b. Isabel's study habits</li><li>c. The study habits of two students</li></ul>	<p><b>Main Idea</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Look at the title and the pictures.</li><li>2. Underline the first and last sentences.</li><li>3. What is it all about?</li></ul>
<p>2. When does Belay ask questions?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. If he doesn't understand</li><li>b. If he needs a pencil</li><li>c. If the teacher calls on him</li></ul> <p>3. What does Belay do in the school library?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>. He studies vocabulary</li><li>a. He checks out books</li><li>b. He uses the computer</li></ul> <p>4. Why does Isabel miss class sometimes?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>. She is looking for parking</li><li>a. She needs to work.</li><li>b. She is busy with her children.</li></ul> <p>5. How does Isabel study outside of class?</p>	<p><b>Detail</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Identify key words in the question.</li><li>2. Search the text.</li><li>3. Circle the answer.</li></ul>

. She uses a grammar app on her phone. a. She reads books to her children. b. Both A and B.	
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*Read the grammar rule and discuss it as a class.*

**Grammar Rule:** Present Simple questions use **do** or **does** and a base form verb.

Examples:

Where **do** you **go** to school?

Where **does** she **go** to school?

*Put the words in order to make a question. Can you answer the questions?*

1. Belay      come      How often      to      class      does  
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2. bring      does      class      Isabel      What  
      to      ?

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3. When      Belay      does      the school library  
      visit ?

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4.    does        Why        use   Isabel        a grammar app    ?

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Interview a Partner

*Write answers to the questions about your own study habits. Ask and answer the questions with a partner.*

1. How often do you come to class on time?

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2. How do you practice English outside of class?

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3. What good study habits do you have?

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4. What bad study habits do you have?

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