PRESENT SIMPLE VS PRESENT CONTINUOUS/ STATIVE VERBS 2

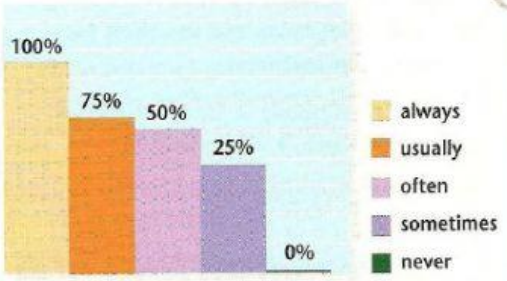
Adverbs of Frequency

The adverbs of **frequency** show us how often something happens. They answer the question **How often ...?**
We often use adverbs of frequency with the **present simple**.
"How often does Mary go to the cinema?"
"She rarely goes to the cinema."

Use

We use adverbs of **frequency**:

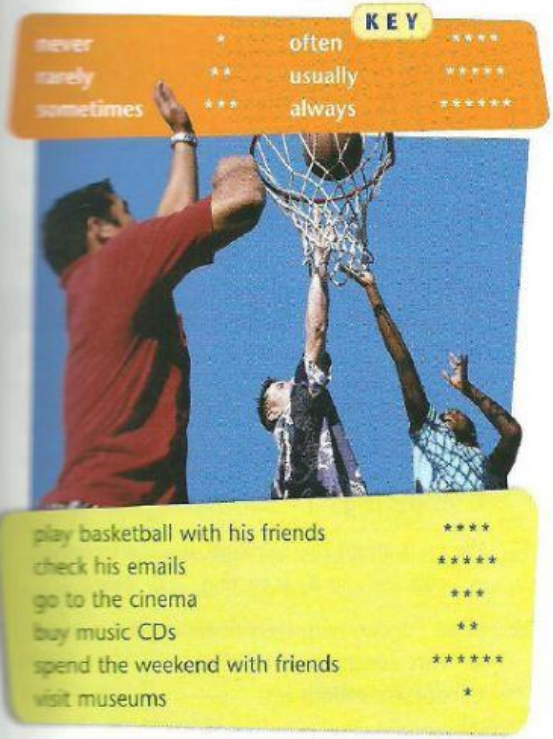
- before the main verb.
  *Laura **always** has a shower before she goes to bed.*
- after the auxiliary verbs **be**, **have** and **do** and modal verbs such as **can**, **will**, **must**, etc.
  *Paul **doesn't usually** eat junk food. Ron **is never** on time for class. You **must always** brush your teeth after meals.*



Note:

The adverbs **rarely**, **seldom** and **never** have a negative meaning and they are never used with the word **not**.
*Mary **never** stays up late at weekends.*
(NOT: Mary ~~doesn't~~ never stay up ...)
*Tom **seldom** plays computer games.*
(NOT: Tom ~~doesn't seldom~~ play ...)

7 **Look at Carl's weekend activities and write sentences using the key, as in the example.**



1 *Carl often plays basketball with his friends.*
2 .....
3 .....
4 .....
5 .....
6 .....

8 **Read the exchanges. Then put the adverbs of frequency in the correct position and make changes where necessary.**

1 A: Do you try new recipes? **(often)**
Do you often try new recipes?
B: No. I use traditional cookery books. **(usually)**
.....

2 A: Is your mum so calm? **(always)**
.....
B: Yes, she doesn't lose her temper. **(seldom)**
.....

3 A: Dan is the first one here! **(always)**
.....
B: I know. He wakes up quite early. **(usually)**
.....

4 A: I invite people over to my house. **(often)**
.....
B: Unfortunately, I don't have the time to entertain guests. **(rarely)**
.....

5 A: I go to the football stadium alone. **(never)**
.....
B: Neither do I. I go with friends. **(always)**
.....

6 A: Why are you complaining about the service in this restaurant? **(always)**
.....
B: Because they get my order wrong. **(often)**
.....

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9 Put the verbs below into the *present simple* or *present continuous*, and use them to complete the sentences.

• seem • not/belong • listen • not/enjoy
• weigh • watch • not/understand

1 This suitcase *weighs* over 25 kilos! There's no way I can lift it!
2 I ..... these instructions. Can you help me?
3 Pedro ..... a documentary on TV right now.
4 It ..... that his line is busy. Wait a few minutes and then call him back.
5 Mrs Smithers ..... to her favourite radio show at the moment.
6 I'm not sure whose this hat is, but it ..... to me.
7 The children ..... their friend's party; they're bored.

10 Put the verbs in brackets into the *present simple or present continuous*.

1 A: I *am thinking* **(think)** of taking some time off to travel.
B: I ..... **(think)** that's a great idea.
2 A: Why ..... **(you/taste)** the milk?
B: I think it's gone off. It ..... **(taste)** funny.
3 A: What ..... **(you/look)** at, Sally?
B: Some photos from our trip to the carnival. We ..... **(look)** so silly with these funny hats on.
4 A: I ..... **(have)** some coffee. Would you like a cup?
B: Sure! And I ..... **(have)** some biscuits we can share.
5 A: Why ..... **(your brother's band not/appear)** in tomorrow's school concert?
B: It ..... **(appear)** that their lead singer is ill.
6 A: Dad ..... **(fit)** the old carpet from the living room in the hallway.
B: Really? ..... **(it/fit)** or is it too big?
7 A: I ..... **(see)** my dentist tomorrow, and I'm not looking forward to it.
B: I ..... **(see)** what you mean. I don't like going to the dentist, either.

11 Circle the correct item.

1 Chris ..... a big meal for dinner.
(A) never has **B** is never having
C doesn't never have

2 When ..... for their honeymoon?
A do Ken and Pat leave
B Ken and Pat are leaving
C are Ken and Pat leaving

3 The football match ..... at 1:30, so we can go out for lunch after that.
A ends **B** is ending
C is always ending

4 What are you cooking? It ..... delicious!
A is smelling **B** smell **C** smells

5 The Wilsons ..... in a beautiful house by the sea.
A are living **B** live **C** often live

6 I'm on the phone with Jen, and she ... very upset.
A sounds **B** sound **C** is sounding

7 It's autumn, and the weather gets a bit chilly ..... .
A this night **B** tonight **C** at night

8 Andrew ..... eats cabbage, because he hates the smell of it.
A often **B** never **C** sometimes

9 These days, it ..... more and more expensive to fill up on petrol.
A becomes **B** does become
C is becoming

10 Matthew really ..... his morning walks on the beach.
A enjoys **B** not enjoys
C is enjoying

11 We can't afford this furniture, it ..... a fortune!
A cost **B** is costing **C** costs

12 Jason ..... out; he prefers home-cooked meals.
A eats seldom **B** seldom eats
C doesn't seldom eat

13 Don't you find the fact that Emma is ..... losing the things you lend her annoying?
A always **B** sometimes **C** rarely

14 Be careful! This bottle ..... a dangerous chemical!
A is containing **B** contain **C** contains

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