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Present simple, adverbs of frequency

1 Hello. Can I ask you some questions for TeenLink, our school magazine?

Yes.

2 What do you do in your free time?

I usually visit a friend. We play computer games.

3 Do you always play computer games?

No, not always. We sometimes listen to music.

4 What about you?

We often go to the park. Dave usually plays basketball there.

5 And what do you do in your free time?

I play the piano and I paint!

6 Wow! That's amazing!

Corky! You never play the piano and you never paint!

No, I don't. But I'm in TeenLink magazine!

- We use adverbs of frequency to say how often somebody does something.

always		They always play computer games.
usually		I usually go to a friend's house.
often		We often go to the park.
sometimes		We sometimes listen to music.
never		You never read books.
- Adverbs of frequency usually go before the main verb.

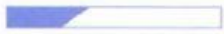
She **doesn't always** go to bed early.

Do you **usually** go to the park?
- sometimes** and **often** have a different place in a negative sentence.

Sometimes they don't play basketball.

They don't visit their aunt **often**.

1 Look at the chart on page 52. Add the correct adverb.

- 1  Peter *sometimes* listens to music with his friend.
 2  Dave plays basketball in the park.
 3  I buy magazines.
 4  We watch TV on Fridays.
 5  They go out with friends on Saturday evening.
 6  Adam reads comics.
 7  My sister drinks milk for breakfast.

2 Write the adverb in the correct place.

- 1 She rides her bike in the park. (sometimes) *She sometimes rides her bike in the park*
 2 You go to bed at 9 o'clock. (always)
 3 We go to the cinema on Wednesday. (usually)
 4 I read a magazine on Sunday morning. (often)
 5 She eats fish. (never)
 6 He does his homework on Fridays. (always).

3 Read and write.

What do you do in your free time?					
	always	usually	often	sometimes	never
Peter		<i>visit a friend</i>		<i>read comics</i>	
Sylvia	<i>listen to music</i>				<i>watch TV</i>
Chris			<i>skate in the park</i>	<i>play computer games</i>	
Victoria		<i>go out with friends</i>			<i>stay at home</i>

- 1 Peter *usually visits a friend. He sometimes reads comics.*
 2 Sylvia
 3 Chris
 4 Victoria

4 Look at Exercise 3 on page 53. Write questions and answers.
What do they do in their free time?

- 1 Sylvia / listen to music / always?
Does Sylvia always listen to music? Yes, she does.
- 2 Victoria / skate in the park / often?
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- 3 Chris / play computer games / sometimes?
.....
- 4 Victoria / stay at home / usually?
.....
- 5 Peter / watch TV / always?
.....
- 6 Sylvia / go out with friends / often?
.....

5 Read and complete the dialogues.



- 1 Dave: 1 My cousin Ralf never gets up early in the morning.
(My cousin Ralf / get up / never)
Zoe: What time does he get up?
Dave: 2 at twelve o'clock.
(he / get up / usually)
Brian: Does he go to bed late, too?
Dave: 3 to bed before five in the morning. (he / go / never)
Zoe: Oh, dear! Does he work?
Dave: Yes, he does. He's a night bus driver!
- 2 Brian: 4 at nine o'clock?
(you / go to bed / always)
Adam: No, not always. 5 at eight o'clock. (I / go to bed / sometimes)
Brian: That's early!
Adam: Yes, it is. But 6 at six o'clock in the morning and watch the cartoons on TV! (I / get up / often)

6 Choose and write about you.

always usually often sometimes never

- 1 have milk for breakfast *I always have milk for breakfast.*
- 2 do homework in the evening
- 3 watch TV in the morning
- 4 study for tests
- 5 see my friends at the weekend
- 6 go to the cinema on Mondays

7 Read and write.

Dear Zoe,
 My best friends are Isabella and Dario. They ¹ *live*
 (live) near my house. We ² (play / often) at my
 house because I've got a big garden. Isabella ³
 (like) music. She ⁴ (sing) and she
⁵ (play) the guitar. Dario
⁶ (read / usually) comics and
⁷ (play) football.
 At the weekends, we ⁸ (go / sometimes) to the
 cinema or ⁹ (watch) a DVD at Dario's house.
 What about you? What ¹⁰ you and your friends
 (usually / do)?
 Love
 Giovanna

8 Write.

Write a letter to Giovanna. Write about your friends and what you usually do together.
 Use her letter in Exercise 7 as a model.

Dear Giovanna,
 My best friends are

 Love
