

PRESENT SIMPLE and CONTINUOUS, STATIVE VERBS

1. Read the text and choose the correct words.

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 **ZACK SPEAKS THE TRUTH**

Today's topic: Do you really need a new phone?

Whenever I **tell / am telling** my friends how old my phone is, they **think / are thinking** that I **joke / am joking**. I'm not, though. I got this phone three years ago. I can still upload my photos and keep up to date with social media.

All of the apps I have still **work / are working**. In other words, there is nothing wrong with it.

My friend Max, on the other hand, only got a new mobile phone last year and already he **thinks / is thinking** about upgrading. But it's not because it's broken. Max is like a lot of my friends – they **see / are seeing** ads for the latest phones and they **feel / are feeling** the pressure to buy them.

After all, the people in the ads are usually cool and **look / are looking** like they **have / are having** a great time.

The message is that “new tech” means “cool”. Well, I definitely **don't think / am not thinking** so!

2. Complete the dialogue with the correct form of the verbs in the box. Use contractions where possible.

CALL – COME – GET – HAVE GOT – LOOK – NOT JOKE – QUEUE – SELL – STAND – WANT

JAKE: Hello!

OSCAR: Jake. It's me, Oscar. Listen – I ⁽¹⁾ _____ you from town. I ⁽²⁾ _____ outside PhoneLand, and they ⁽³⁾ _____ the new Samsung in the shop. I seriously ⁽⁴⁾ _____!

JAKE: No! Really? Wow! What ⁽⁵⁾ _____ it _____ like?

OSCAR: Really cool. And they ⁽⁶⁾ _____ really fast. I mean, people ⁽⁷⁾ _____ round the block to get one. Everyone ⁽⁸⁾ _____ one!

JAKE: OK – I ⁽⁹⁾ _____ ready right now and I ⁽¹⁰⁾ _____ down there to meet you. I have to see this!

OSCAR: OK – and hurry up!

PAST SIMPLE and PAST CONTINUOUS

3. Complete the sentences using the correct form of the past simple and past continuous.

- 1) We _____ (play) video games when my mum _____ (say), 'Turn the volume down!'
- 2) My cousin _____ (meet) his wife, Bianca, while he _____ (live) in Italy.
- 3) My little sister _____ (draw) a picture while I _____ (study) for my French exam.
- 4) While they _____ (try) to fix the computer, all the lights _____ (go out).
- 5) When we _____ (leave) school yesterday, it _____ (pour) with rain.
- 6) When you _____ (see) Paul, _____ he _____ (wear) a black jacket?
- 7) I _____ (try) to log on when the Wi-Fi _____ (stop) working.
- 8) While Dad _____ (print) an article, the printer _____ (run out) of paper.

4. Complete the text using the verbs in the box. The verbs have already been conjugated but you need to put them in the correct space. There are extra verbs.

REPLIED – WAS WAKING UP – WAS LAUGHING – FELL – WAS SPEAKING – SPOKE – WAS LYING – KNEW –
WAS SNOWING – WAS BOTHERING – SNOWED – FOUND – WAS WONDERING – WAS FINDING – WOKE UP –
PREFERRED – DIDN'T LIKE – WASN'T LIKING – WAS LOOKING FORWARD

It was Thursday night. I was listening to music and my sister Sally ⁽¹⁾ _____ in bed, unable to sleep. Something ⁽²⁾ _____ her and I ⁽³⁾ _____ what it was. She was nervous about Sports Day at our school. I ⁽⁴⁾ _____ it because I was a good runner, but Sally ⁽⁵⁾ _____ physical activity at all because she ⁽⁶⁾ _____ it boring. Sally ⁽⁷⁾ _____ to read books or watch interesting documentaries on TV.

I ⁽⁸⁾ _____ what I could say to make her feel better when Sally suddenly ⁽⁹⁾ _____. *"It's really cold tonight. Maybe we'll have snow tomorrow,"* she said and ⁽¹⁰⁾ _____ asleep.

When I ⁽¹¹⁾ _____ the next morning, Sally was at the window and she ⁽¹²⁾ _____. *"What's so funny?"* I asked. *"Look outside,"* she ⁽¹³⁾ _____, and I did. It ⁽¹⁴⁾ _____ heavily! Sports Day was cancelled!

PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE

5. Complete the sentences using the correct form of the present perfect simple.

- 1) _____ (you / speak to Paul) since your argument?
- 2) _____ (you / ever / be) out with Jo?
- 3) She _____ (have) the same pencil case since primary school.
- 4) _____ (she / ever / work) in a shop?
- 5) I _____ (never / hear) that name before.
- 6) We _____ (know) them for ages.