

## GRAMMAR

## 1. Complete the sentences using the correct form of the present simple or continuous.

1. It often \_\_\_\_\_ in Ireland. That's why they call it the "Green Island". But it \_\_\_\_\_ there at the moment. (RAIN, NOT RAIN)
2. Such behaviour normally \_\_\_\_\_ me furious (MAKE).
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ a word he says. (NOT BELIEVE)
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ a hat today because it's such a special event. (WEAR)
5. Susan \_\_\_\_\_ an email to her parents nearly every Saturday evening. (WRITE)
6. Stop right now! You \_\_\_\_\_ the flowers every time the ball \_\_\_\_\_ in the flower bed. (BREAK, LAND)
7. Where is Jimmy? – I don't know. I \_\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_ tennis with his younger brother, Mark. (THINK, PLAY)
8. My mum \_\_\_\_\_ a party for her best friends once a year. (ORGANISE)
9. She \_\_\_\_\_ in London, but she \_\_\_\_\_ with friends up in Scotland. (LIVE, CURRENTLY STAY)
10. Our headmaster rarely \_\_\_\_\_ a class. He \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of administrative work to do. (TEACH, HAVE)
11. As the private secretary of the boss I \_\_\_\_\_ up to a hundred emails every day. (READ)
12. Look at her! – She \_\_\_\_\_ in a non-smoking area. (SMOKE)
13. \_\_\_\_\_ to a tennis club? (YOU BELONG)
14. Can't you see that I \_\_\_\_\_ on my thesis? – I \_\_\_\_\_ you to disturb me. (WORK, NOT WANT)
15. I \_\_\_\_\_ lottery tickets every week, but I \_\_\_\_\_ anything (BUY, NEVER WIN)

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## 2. Fill in the correct form of the verb in brackets: Past Simple or Present Perfect Simple

1. The weather around here \_\_\_\_\_ terrible in the last few weeks. (BE)
2. Maria \_\_\_\_\_ her suitcase last night. (PACK)
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ volleyball since I was a teenager. (NOT PLAY)

4. We \_\_\_\_\_ wash the dishes. They're all clean now (HELP)
5. They \_\_\_\_\_ the factory. – Really? When \_\_\_\_\_? (CLOSE, THAT HAPPEN) 6. \_\_\_\_\_ yet? (YOUR BUSINESS COURSE – START)
7. How long \_\_\_\_\_ that camera? – About a month. I \_\_\_\_\_ it because it was on sale just before Christmas. (YOU HAVE, BUY)
8. \_\_\_\_\_ last week's magazine? – It must be here because I \_\_\_\_\_ it on Monday. (YOU SEE, BUY)
9. The books you ordered \_\_\_\_\_. The delivery service \_\_\_\_\_ them an hour ago. (ARRIVE, BRING)
10. The Queen \_\_\_\_\_ her two-week tour through Australia yesterday. (START)
11. The plane from New York \_\_\_\_\_. The passengers are getting out. (JUST LAND)
12. We \_\_\_\_\_ a party at school for ages. (NOT HAVE)
13. I \_\_\_\_\_ a cold in school a few days ago and \_\_\_\_\_ ill ever since. (CATCH, BE)
14. Dinosaurs \_\_\_\_\_ around the earth millions of years ago. (WANDER)
15. Prices \_\_\_\_\_ up last year, but they \_\_\_\_\_ by 8% already this year. (NOT GO, INCREASE)

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### 3. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the present perfect tense.

1. The post office is not far from here. I \_\_\_\_\_ there many times before. (BE)
2. You can go home now. You \_\_\_\_\_ emails for over three hours. You must be very tired. (WRITE)
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ him at least four times but he \_\_\_\_\_ the phone. (CALL, NOT ANSWER)
4. Bobby is so dirty because he \_\_\_\_\_ outside the whole afternoon. (PLAY)
5. The president \_\_\_\_\_ for his speech the whole morning. He still isn't finished. (PREPARE)
6. We \_\_\_\_\_ for over an hour now and \_\_\_\_\_ at the village yet. (WALK, NOT ARRIVE)
7. She \_\_\_\_\_ for a good job for over a month, but now she finally \_\_\_\_\_ one. (LOOK, FIND)
8. The phone \_\_\_\_\_ for half a minute. Why doesn't someone answer it. (RING)

9. The maid \_\_\_\_\_ windows the whole morning. So far, she \_\_\_\_\_ the ones on the ground floor. (CLEAN, CLEAN)
10. Is Jack at home? No, He \_\_\_\_\_ out. (JUST GO)
11. Dr Jacobs \_\_\_\_\_ at this university for almost twenty years, but he \_\_\_\_\_ such brilliant students. (TEACH, NEVER HAVE)
12. It \_\_\_\_\_ for over an hour. Some students are excited because they \_\_\_\_\_ snow before. (SNOW, NEVER SEE)
13. There's no more beer in the fridge. You \_\_\_\_\_ all of it. (DRINK)
14. Look at you! You must have gained over 10 pounds because you \_\_\_\_\_ too much. (EAT)
15. My sister \_\_\_\_\_ to me for three days. (NOT SPEAK)

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**4. Fill in the correct form: Gerund or Infinitive (with or without 'to'):**

1. After she had decided \_\_\_\_\_ in India, she got used to \_\_\_\_\_ Indian food (STAY, EAT).
2. He promised his boss \_\_\_\_\_ late again. (NOT BE)
3. Would you mind \_\_\_\_\_ me how \_\_\_\_\_ the software. (SHOW, INSTALL)
4. I warned him \_\_\_\_\_ the freshly painted walls. (NOT TOUCH)
5. His doctor advised him \_\_\_\_\_ up \_\_\_\_\_. (GIVE, SMOKE)
6. I can't afford \_\_\_\_\_ a new car. I haven't got enough money. (BUY)
7. My dad never admits \_\_\_\_\_ any mistakes. He thinks he's perfect. (MAKE)
8. When you finish \_\_\_\_\_ up the garage you can start \_\_\_\_\_ the car. (CLEAN, WASH)
9. He decided \_\_\_\_\_ to school on Saturday. (NOT GO)
10. She apologized for \_\_\_\_\_ enough time with her two daughters. (NOT SPEND)
11. I think we'd better \_\_\_\_\_ for a walk in the park (GO).
12. He somehow managed \_\_\_\_\_ his exams. Nobody thought he would \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ so. (PASS, SUCCEED, DO)
13. Remember \_\_\_\_\_ some milk home from the grocery store. (BRING)
14. I'm sorry for \_\_\_\_\_ late for class. (BE)

15. I'm looking forward to \_\_\_\_\_ on a cruise to South America this spring. (GO)

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**5. Choose the correct answer:**

1. I feel **really** / **much** better than yesterday.
2. It was **roughly** / **a little** more expensive than I expected.
3. His way of thinking is **far** / **really** similar to mine.
4. The documentary is **a lot** / **nowhere near** as interesting as you think.
5. The sequel wasn't **far** / **nearly** as good as the original.
6. Your internet connection is **far** / **more** faster than mine.
7. The weather is **slightly** / **just** better than it was yesterday.
8. **Much** / **Far** more people came to the event than we expected.
9. The Mexican restaurant isn't **nearly** / **just** as expensive as the Italian one.
10. The flight is **a bit** / **far** quicker than taking the bus.

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**VOCABULARY**

**1. Complete with the correct words.**

1. The graphics on the new version are really **p**\_\_\_\_\_ **q**\_\_\_\_\_.
2. This new software made completing the monthly payroll more **t**\_\_\_\_\_ **c**\_\_\_\_\_ compared to the old system.
3. You take a ticket with a number at the bank now instead of waiting in line. It's really **e**\_\_\_\_\_.
4. How **a**\_\_\_\_\_ are these figures? They don't add up.
5. All our information is stored on state-of-the-art servers, so it's very **s**\_\_\_\_\_ from identity thieves.
6. The new cafeteria is a bit expensive but it is very **h**\_\_\_\_\_ for lunch.
7. Everything about the new app is very **u**\_\_\_\_\_ - **f**\_\_\_\_\_.
8. I'd like a report on the situation which is detailed and **u**\_\_ - **t**\_\_ - **d**\_\_\_\_\_.

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**2. Complete with the words from the list:**

*Flexitime, overtime, paternity leave, unpaid leave, core hours, annual leave, statutory pay, public holiday*

1. I work \_\_\_\_\_, so I can start and finish my working day whenever I like.
2. Our employees' \_\_\_\_\_ are between ten and four when they have to be in the office.
3. Last week, I worked 60 hours, so I did 20 hours \_\_\_\_\_.
4. In many countries, the first of January is a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Last year, I took 3 months \_\_\_\_\_ to travel around Europe, but I missed receiving my salary.
6. I need to take the rest of my \_\_\_\_\_ before the end of the year.

7. On maternity leave, the first 12 weeks are fully paid and after that you receive \_\_\_\_\_.

8. Nowadays, more and more fathers are taking \_\_\_\_\_ to help with the newborn.

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## READING

### Digital habits across generations

Today's grandparents are joining their grandchildren on social media, but the different generations' online habits couldn't be more different. In the UK the over-55s are joining Facebook in increasing numbers, meaning that they will soon be the site's second biggest user group, with 3.5 million users aged 55–64 and 2.9 million over-65s.

Sheila, aged 59, says, 'I joined to see what my grandchildren are doing, as my daughter posts videos and photos of them. It's a much better way to see what they're doing than waiting for letters and photos in the post. That's how we did it when I was a child, but I think I'm lucky I get to see so much more of their lives than my grandparents did.'

Ironically, Sheila's grandchildren are less likely to use Facebook themselves. Children under 17 in the UK are leaving the site – only 2.2 million users are under 17 – but they're not going far from their smartphones. Chloe, aged 15, even sleeps with her phone. 'It's my alarm clock so I have to,' she says. 'I look at it before I go to sleep and as soon as I wake up.'

Unlike her grandmother's generation, Chloe's age group is spending so much time on their phones at home that they are missing out on spending time with their friends in real life. Sheila, on the other hand, has made contact with old friends from school she hasn't heard from in forty years. 'We use Facebook to arrange to meet all over the country,' she says. 'It's changed my social life completely.'

Teenagers might have their parents to thank for their smartphone and social media addiction as their parents were the early adopters of the smartphone. Peter, 38 and father of two teenagers, reports that he used to be on his phone or laptop constantly. 'I was always connected and I felt like I was always working,' he says. 'How could I tell my kids to get off their phones if I was always in front of a screen myself?' So, in the evenings and at weekends, he takes his SIM card out of his smartphone and puts it into an old-style mobile phone that can only make calls and send text messages. 'I'm not completely cut off from the world in case of emergencies, but the important thing is I'm setting a better example to my kids and spending more quality time with them.'

Is it only a matter of time until the generation above and below Peter catches up with the new trend for a less digital life?

### 1. Read the text and mark the sentences true (T) or false (F):

1. More people aged 55 or more use Facebook than people aged 65 or more. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Grandparents typically use Facebook less than their grandchildren. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Sheila feels grateful to social media. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Peter found his own smartphone use affected how he felt about how much his children used their phones. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Peter has changed how much he uses his phone during the working day. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Peter feels that the changes make him a better parent. \_\_\_\_\_

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**2. Read the text again and mark the sentences T for teens, P for parents and G for grandparents:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ were the first generation to get smartphones.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ feel lucky to have internet in their lives.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ are less keen on facebook.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ like to keep their phones near them.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ are returning to older technology.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ use social media to find old friends.

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**LISTENING:**

1. The interviewer finds speaking the most difficult. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Gabriella thinks, in some situations, people can find speaking easier than listening. \_\_\_\_\_
3. According to the interviewer, asking for someone to say the same thing again is one way to solve the problem. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Gabriella recommends pretending to understand if a conversation is too difficult. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Gabriella's strategy for managing important conversations sounds strange to the interviewer at first. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Gabriella's idea involves asking a lot of questions. \_\_\_\_\_

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**2. Listen again and match the expressions with their definitions:**

1. I came out in a cold sweat \_\_\_\_\_
2. I'm still lost \_\_\_\_\_

3. I can take it \_\_\_\_\_
4. My brain shuts down \_\_\_\_\_
5. I wanted to get out of it \_\_\_\_\_
6. I get you! \_\_\_\_\_

a. I can't think

b. I won't be upset

c. I wanted to escape

d. I was really nervous or afraid

e. I still don't understand

f. I understand what you are saying

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