



Grammar: Present Simple and Present Continuous

Can do: start a conversation with a stranger:

Skills: *Reading comprehension

*Vocabulary: personality

*Speak about culture

*Listening

*Pronunciation: "ea"

1. Watch the following video and decide if the sentences are (T) true or (F) false:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6O_VwUMIC0Y

- a) Martin and Michelle are discussing about what to eat.
- b) Martin thinks that "Pollo Loco" sounds offensive.
- c) "Pollo Loco" is a Mexican typical dish.
- d) Michelle thinks that it is offensive how Argentinian people pronounce "pollo".
- e) Martin thinks the way Argentinian people pronounce ll (sh) is pretentious.
- f) Michelle thinks Mexican people speak better Spanish than Argentinian.
- g) Michelle thinks Mexican people speak as they are singing.
- h) They agree each other that Mexican speak better Spanish than Argentinian.

Not in my culture...

'Ah, Kyle, gordita, como estas?' (translation: 'Ah, Kyle, fatty, how are you?').'

This is how my father-in-law would greet me every time we went over to his house. At first, I thought I needed to be on my best behaviour for my husband's parents, so I would just smile and nod, when really I felt furious as he insulted me about my weight over and over again.

Finally, one day I'd had enough. When my father-in-law mentioned my weight at the dinner table once again, in front of everybody, telling me I looked 'even fatter than normal', I lost my temper, 'Well, you look older and more wrinkly than normal.' Silence. I turned bright red as I realised I'd just said something truly offensive. Eventually someone coughed politely and changed the subject. But, after dinner my husband took me aside. 'Why in the world would you insult my dad like that?' he asked. I told him, 'I've had enough of the weight comments, tell him to stop insulting me.' And then my husband told me that in Chile, 'gordita' is a term of endearment and is only used lovingly. He also explained that it's not at all impolite to bring up other people's weight loss/weight gain and that if people do, that just means they care about you enough to notice.

So I explained to my husband that telling someone they look fat/fatter is one of the rudest things you can possibly do in my culture. Well, my husband had a little chat with my father-in-law and my size was never mentioned again.

2. Read the text and answer the questions:

1. What did Kyle's father-in-law keep?

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2. How did she usually react?

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3. What happened when she got angry?

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4. What did her husband explain?

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3 Work in pairs. Complete the definitions (1–10) with the adjectives from the box.

dependable encouraging generous
jealous kind-hearted mean
pleasant selfish sulky upbeat

A/An _____ person ...

- 1 is friendly and well-behaved.
- 2 cares about you and wants to help you.
- 3 always does what you need them to.
- 4 is unhappy if you have something they'd like themselves.
- 5 happily gives you whatever you need.
- 6 has a positive, optimistic attitude.
- 7 tries to give you the confidence to succeed.
- 8 is angry and unhappy for long periods.
- 9 thinks of themselves first.
- 10 doesn't like giving anything away.

Pronunciation | sounds and spelling: ea

4 a 1.6 Listen to the four ways in which 'ea' can be pronounced. Then put the adjectives from the box in the correct column.

fearful jealous kind-hearted mean pleasant upbeat

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5. Listening: Listen to Pete answering the following questions about his friend, and write the answers:

1. Who do you consider to be your best friend?
 2. Where and when did you meet them?
 3. What do you like about them?
 4. How are they different from you?
6. Complete the How to... box with the headings below.
- at a bus stop
 - at a party
 - on public transport

How to... start a conversation with a stranger

A _____ : Cold today, isn't it?
: Excuse me, could you tell me the time?

B _____ : Excuse me, is anyone sitting here?
: Is it always this crowded?

C _____ : So how do you know Jason? (the host)
: Have you tried this chicken? It's delicious!

7. WRITING: Choose a conversation starter and write a short conversation:

