

### The Culture Quiz



#### Are these true or false?

- 1 You don't need to arrive for dinner on time in the UK. Guests are often late.
- 2 In the UK, the Queen celebrates her birthday twice a year.
- 3 The Chinese New Year is always on the same day of the year.
- 4 On her fifteenth birthday, a girl often receives gold in Colombia.
- 5 The Irish always celebrate St Patrick's Day on 27th March.
- 6 In Russia, people don't often give presents on 25th December. Christmas Day for them is on 7th January.

Answers: 1 F 2 T (She has an official birthday and her normal birthday.) 3 F (The date changes from year to year.) 4 T 5 F (St. Patrick's Day is on 17th March.) 6 T

### Presentation

Use adverbs and expressions of frequency to say how often something happens. You often use these adverbs and expressions with the simple present tense.

#### Adverbs of frequency

These are some of the most common adverbs of frequency:

0%	never
↑	hardly ever/rarely
↑	not often
↑	occasionally/sometimes
↑	often
↑	normally/usually
100%	always

The Irish **always** celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17.

#### Position of adverbs of frequency

Adverbs of frequency normally come ...

- before the main verb

The Irish **always** wear green on St. Patrick's Day. Russian people **don't often** give presents on December 25.

Do Russian people **often** give presents on December 25?

- after the verb *to be*

Guests **are often** late.

Guests **aren't often** late.

Are guests **often** late?

#### Expressions of frequency

once a(n)	hour / day / week / month / year
twice a(n)	
three times a(n)	
every	hour / day / week / month / year / Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday / six months / five years

The Irish celebrate St. Patrick's Day **every year**.

We play soccer **once a week**.

#### Position of expressions of frequency

Expressions of frequency can come at the beginning or the end of the sentence:

**Every year** they celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

They celebrate St. Patrick's Day **every year**.

(Don't say ~~They every year~~ celebrate St. Patrick's Day.)

## Exercises

- 1 A hotel interviewed the guests about meals. Look at the results and then choose the correct words in the summary.

1 How often do you use the hotel room service for your meals?

Every meal 5% Once a day 45% Not often 50%

2 Which do you normally prefer for breakfast?

Continental breakfast 85% Full English breakfast 12% Don't eat breakfast 3%

3 Do you ever eat at the restaurant in the evening?

Yes, every night 6% Sometimes 25% No, I usually eat out 69%

Five percent of the guests <sup>1</sup> *always / often* use room service for meals and 45% eat in their rooms <sup>2</sup> *every / all day*. The rest <sup>3</sup> *hardly ever / sometimes* use room service. Only 3% <sup>4</sup> *rarely / never* eat breakfast and most people <sup>5</sup> *occasionally / usually* have the Continental breakfast instead of the Full English breakfast. Most people <sup>6</sup> *always / normally* eat out in the evening. Only 6% <sup>7</sup> *always / sometimes* eat there.

- 2 Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first sentence. Use the phrases in the box.

always	don't normally	don't often
hardly ever	once a year	twice a week

- My brother is never on time.  
My brother is ..... late.
- Spanish people rarely eat before nine in the evening.  
Spanish people ..... eat before nine in the evening.
- We have English classes on Mondays and Thursdays.  
We have English classes .....
- My family lives in different cities, but we always meet on the first of January.  
My family lives in different cities, but we meet .....
- People in my country usually offer tea to a visitor.  
People in my country ..... offer coffee to a visitor.
- My schedule is busy, so I often work on weekends.  
My schedule is busy, so I ..... have a free weekend.

- 3 Add the adverbs and expressions of frequency in parentheses to the sentences.

## Cultural Habits

### Breakfast habits around the world

- What we eat for breakfast <sup>usually</sup> is the same every day. (usually)
- In Madagascar, people eat dried beef. (a few times a week)
- Canadians put maple syrup on their morning pancakes. (always)
- British people start the day without either tea or coffee. (rarely)
- Italians drink a cup of coffee before they do anything else. (normally)
- Most breakfast tables around the world include bread. (every day)