

Starter

My best friends!

The present simple and continuous
The past simple



Mum What **are** you **doing**, Ryan? You **normally go out** with Martin, Tommy, Maddy and Beth on Saturdays.

Ryan I'm **talking** to them **right now**, Mum!



Ryan We **always go out** together **on Saturday afternoons**.

The present simple, present continuous and past simple



We use the present simple to talk about habits and routines.

*You **normally go out** with your friends on Saturdays.*

Or things that are always true.

*We **go out** together on Saturday afternoons.*

We often use the present simple with adverbs of frequency like **sometimes, never, usually, often, most days**.

*I **sometimes play** volleyball in the park.*

We use the present continuous to talk about what we are doing now.

*I'm **talking** to them.*

Or with time expressions like **now, right now, at the moment**.

*I'm **talking** to them **right now**, Mum!*

We use the past simple to talk about actions that are finished. We often use it with time expressions like **this morning, yesterday, last year, at 10 o'clock**.

*We **went** to the park **yesterday**.*

1 Write the words in the correct order.

1 sometimes / I / with my friends / go swimming
I sometimes go swimming with my friends.

3 shopping / Mum and Dad / are / at the moment

5 usually / she / a blue dress / wears

2 she's / today / a red skirt / wearing

4 every morning / I / to school / walk

6 walking / right now / to the shops / Mum's

2 Complete the sentences. Use the present simple or present continuous of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Dad watches (watch) TV most evenings.
- 2 You _____ (play) with your friends most days.
- 3 Grandma and Grandpa _____ (listen) to the radio at the moment.
- 4 She _____ (do) her homework now.
- 5 He _____ (be) in the football team this year.
- 6 Mum _____ (write) an email right now.
- 7 They _____ (have) homework at weekends.
- 8 My sister _____ (stick) pictures in her book at the moment.
- 9 We _____ (go) on a summer holiday every August.
- 10 I _____ (learn) to play tennis in school at the moment.

3 Look at exercise 2. Write sentences. Use the past simple and the time expression.

- 1 yesterday evening
Dad watched TV yesterday evening.
- 2 yesterday

- 3 last night

- 4 at the weekend

- 5 last year

- 6 two hours ago

- 7 last weekend

- 8 this morning

- 9 last year

- 10 this week

4 Look at the table. Circle the correct answer in the sentences below.

The Casey family	Always true	Last night	Now
Dad	is a doctor at the hospital	ate at a restaurant with Mum	opening a parcel
Mum	works as a teacher	ate at a restaurant with Dad	talking to Ryan
Ryan	is a school pupil	watched a DVD	using his computer
Julia	is a school pupil	played with dolls	talking to Dad

- Dad works / is working at the hospital.
- Mum is teaching / teaches at a school.
- Dad opens / 's opening a parcel at the moment.
- Ryan watched / did watch a DVD last night.
- Does Mum talk / Is Mum talking to Ryan right now?
- Did Mum eat / Did Mum ate at a restaurant last night?
- Did Dad watch a DVD last night? No, he didn't. / No, he wasn't.
- Is Ryan a school pupil? Yes, he is. / Yes, is.
- Is Ryan talking / Was Ryan talking to Mum right now?
- Did Dad eat at a restaurant with Mum last night? Yes, they did. / Yes, he did.

5 Write sentences. Use the present simple, the present continuous or the past simple of the verbs in the box.

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- Jack goes to school most days.
- Mum and Dad _____ Chinese food last night.
- Mum _____ a doctor.
- Jenny often _____ with dolls.
- Sally and Mum _____ to Grandma right now.
- Louise _____ her school.
- Eric _____ a DVD at the moment.
- Edward _____ to use a computer three years ago.
- We _____ the adventure park last weekend.
- I _____ to my MP3 player at the moment.

6 Write negative sentences. Use the present simple, the present continuous or the past simple.

1 Mum / not work / right now.

Mum isn't working right now.

2 Ryan / not eat / at a restaurant / last night.

3 Dad / not be / a teacher.

4 Dad / not use / the computer / at the moment.

5 Julia / not watch / a DVD last night.

6 Dad and Mum / not go / to the cinema / last night.

7 Grandpa / not eat / ice cream / at the moment.

8 Dad and Ryan / not wash / the car / last weekend.

7 Write questions and short answers. Use the present simple, the present continuous or the past simple.

1 Ryan / go to school / most days ✓

Does Ryan go to school most days? Yes, he does.

2 Mum / play with dolls / last night ✗

3 be / Dad / at the hospital / last night ✓

4 Julia / play with dolls / at the moment ✗

5 be / Mum / a teacher ✓

6 Ryan / watch / a DVD / right now ✗

7 Grandma and Grandpa / listen to the radio / yesterday ✗

8 Mum and Dad / wash the car / right now ✓