



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

- 1 Dad **works** / is working at the hospital.
- 2 Mum is **teaching** / **teaches** at a school.
- 3 Dad **opens** / 's opening a parcel at the moment.
- 4 Ryan **watched** / **did watch** a DVD last night.
- 5 **Does** Mum talk / **Is** Mum talking to Ryan right now?
- 6 **Did** Mum eat / **Did** Mum ate at a restaurant last night?
- 7 Did Dad watch a DVD last night? **No, he didn't.** / **No, he wasn't.**
- 8 Is Ryan a school pupil? **Yes, he is.** / **Yes, is.**
- 9 **Is** Ryan talking / **Was** Ryan talking to Mum right now?
- 10 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.

talk go start listen watch play like visit eat be

- 1 Jack goes to school most days.
- 2 Mum and Dad eat Chinese food last night.
- 3 Mum is a doctor.
- 4 Jenny often plays with dolls.
- 5 Sally and Mum are to Grandma right now.
- 6 Louise visits her school.
- 7 Eric is watching a DVD at the moment.
- 8 Edward could to use a computer three years ago.
- 9 We went the adventure park last weekend.
- 10 I am listening 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 ✓