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Present Forms

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Read about Layla's daily routine and make sentences as in the example. Use adverbs of frequency (*always, often, sometimes, rarely, never*).



Layla's Daily Routine

- go to school by bike Monday to Thursday, walk to school on Friday
- wear casual clothes at school
- do homework every afternoon
- go swimming after school Monday to Thursday
- walk the dog after dinner Monday to Wednesday

- 1 Layla *rarely walks* to school.
- 2 She a uniform at school.
- 3 She her homework in the afternoon.
- 4 She swimming after school.
- 5 She after dinner.

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Form questions then answer them.

- 1 you / always / go to the cinema on Saturdays?
.. *Do you always go to the cinema on Saturdays? Yes, I do. / No, I don't.*
- 2 your family / often / eat out?
.....
- 3 you / usually / have dinner at 8:00 pm?
.....
- 4 you / often / hang out with your friends?
.....
- 5 your dad / usually / wash the dishes?
.....

Stative Verbs

Verbs describing a permanent state (stative verbs) do not normally have continuous forms. These are:

- **verbs of the senses:** see, hear, smell, feel, taste, etc. (We often use *can* or *could* with these verbs.) *Can you see that tall boy over there?*

However, the verbs *look*, *watch* and *listen* express deliberate actions and can be used in continuous forms. *Be quiet please! I'm listening to the news. BUT I can't hear you. Can you speak louder, please?*

Note: The verbs *feel* and *hurt* can be used in either continuous or simple forms.

A: *How are you feeling today? / How do you feel today?*

B: *My leg is hurting. / My leg hurts.*

- **verbs of opinion:** agree, believe, consider, etc. *I believe he's telling the truth.*
- **verbs of emotion:** feel, forgive, hate, like, love, etc. *Harry likes rock music.*
- **other verbs:** appear (= seem), be, belong, fit (= be the right shape and size for sth), have (= possess), know, look (= appear), need, prefer, require, want, weigh, wish, etc. *He knows where Peter is. (NOT: ~~is knowing~~)*

Some stative verbs (**see, smell, taste, feel, think, have, etc.**) have continuous forms but there is a difference in meaning.

State	Action
<i>I think she's rich.</i> (= I believe) <i>The milk tastes awful.</i> (= has a flavour)	<i>I'm thinking about your offer.</i> (= I'm considering) <i>He's tasting the sauce; it might need some salt.</i> (= he's trying its flavour)
<i>He has a pet dog.</i> (= he owns) <i>This cloth feels like velvet.</i> (= has the texture) <i>I see you're in trouble.</i> (= I understand) <i>The kitchen smells of burnt meat.</i> (= has the scent of)	<i>He's having problems at work at the moment.</i> (= experiencing) <i>She's feeling her way in the dark.</i> (= she's finding her way) <i>I'm seeing my lawyer tonight.</i> (= I'm visiting) <i>Why are you smelling the food?</i> (= inhaling the odour of)
<i>He comes from Spain.</i> (= he was born in) <i>I love holidays.</i> (in general) <i>Your hair looks great.</i> (= it appears) <i>The baby weighs 5 kilos.</i> (= it is)	<i>He's coming from Spain.</i> (= he's travelling from) <i>I'm loving this holiday.</i> (= I'm enjoying; specific) <i>She's looking at some old photographs.</i> (= she's examining) <i>I'm weighing myself on my new scales.</i> (= I'm finding out my weight)
<i>Ann is very tall.</i> (= has the quality)	<i>Ann is being very kind to me these days.</i> (= she's behaving)

9 Underline the correct item.

- I see / am seeing that the situation is out of control.
- The sausages are tasting / taste delicious.
- Do you enjoy / Are you enjoying the party?
- You haven't said a word all morning. What are you thinking / do you think about?
- He has / is having a Siamese cat.
- These flowers are smelling / smell nice.
- I don't know / am not knowing where she keeps the keys.
- These silk sheets feel / are feeling lovely and smooth.
- Why do you smell / are you smelling the milk? Do you think it has gone off?
- Anna is Italian. She is coming / comes from Italy.
- That dress looks / is looking nice on you.
- If you don't look / aren't looking at that comic book, I'd like to see it.
- The doctor weighs / is weighing the baby.
- Mary is / is being very naughty these days.

10 Put the verbs in brackets into the present simple or the present continuous.

- A: I 'm thinking (think) about going to see Green Day in concert next month.
B: Great! I (think) they're the best. I'll come with you.
- A: Why (you/weigh) yourself?
B: I want to see if I (weigh) enough for my height.
- A: Your baby brother (be) adorable!
B: Yes, but today he (be) really naughty. He keeps drawing on the wall.
- A: I see you (have) a new mobile phone.
B: Yes, but I (have) problems with it at the moment.
- A: Why (you/taste) the soup? It's not ready yet.
B: To see if it (taste) sweet enough for the children.
- A: Do you know where Mike (come) from?
B: He's from Glasgow. Actually, he's there at the moment but he (come) back tomorrow.
- A: I (see) Charlotte has toothache.
B: Yes. She's in a lot of pain. She (see) her dentist this afternoon, though.

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Listen and repeat. Then act out.

Have gone to / Have been to / Have been in



Hello, Dad. I've been to the dentist.

Yes, I know. Is your tooth better now?



He **has gone to** Brussels. (= He's there or on his way to Brussels.)

He **has been to** Brussels once. (= He's visited Brussels but he's back now.)

He **has been in** Brussels for two months. (= He's in Brussels now.)

11 Fill in: *has / have gone to, has / have been in / to.*

Editor: Where's Stevens? I haven't seen him for days.

Secretary: He 1) *has gone to* LA to interview Brad Pitt.

Editor: How long 2) he LA?

Secretary: Three days.

Editor: What about Milton and Knowles?

Secretary: They 3) London. They're going to interview Keira Knightley.

Editor: 4) anyone Spain to talk to Penelope Cruz?

Secretary: Smith 5) her country house. He interviewed her there yesterday. He's coming back today.

12 Complete with the *present perfect* or the *present perfect continuous*.

1 A: Hi, Anna. Are you coming to play tennis now?

B: Sorry, *I haven't finished my homework yet.*
(not finish / homework / yet)

2 A: Where's Ben?

B:
(go / to the dentist's)

3 A: Where are you going on holiday this year?

B: France.
(be there / twice). I really love it!

4 A: Why are your clothes so dirty?

B:
(play rugby / for two hours)

5 A: Lucy looks very tired.

B: Yes,
(work hard / since 9:30 this morning)

6 A: Are your parents at home?

B: No,
(go to the cinema / with friends)

13 Fill in: *yet, since, for, tonight, often* or *how long*.

1 Adam is flying to Rome *tonight*

2 She hasn't met Cathy

3 I haven't seen him last week.

4 have you been working here?

5 She cooks exotic dishes.

6 Pablo has been in Lisbon four years.

- 14** Complete the letter below using the *present perfect* or the *present perfect continuous* form of the verbs in brackets.

Dear Joanna,

I'm sorry to hear that you 1) *haven't been* (not/be) well recently. I hope you're feeling better now.

As you know, I 2) (not/exercise) for the last few months and of course, I 3) (put on) some weight. Anyway, I 4) (decide) that I really want to lose weight and get fit at the same time, so I 5) (join) the new gym in Greenstone Park. It's got excellent facilities! I 6) (be) there several times and I really enjoy it. I 7) (make) some new friends there, too! What else? Well, Rebecca and I 8) (study) really hard for the last two weeks because we have a Maths exam tomorrow.

That's all for now. 9) (you/think) about where you want to go on holiday this summer? Maybe we can go together!

Best wishes,

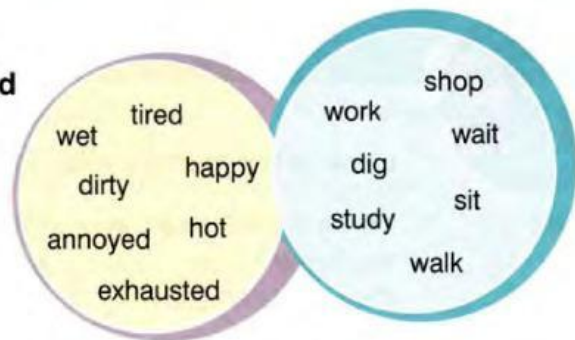
Paula

- 15** Use the adjectives and the verbs to ask and answer questions as in the example:

A: *I'm exhausted.*

B: *Have you been working hard?*

A: *Yes, I have.*



- 16** Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space.

Robinson Crusoe has been stuck on a desert island for the past six months. Here is a letter he wrote and put in a bottle:

Dear Anybody,

I 1) *have* been on this island 2) six months now. It is a miracle that I 3) for this long. I 4) fish and fruit since I got here. Fortunately, I haven't seen any dangerous animals 5) When I arrived here the weather was fine but it 6) continuously for the past two weeks. I've built a shelter out of sticks and leaves, which is really quite cosy. My main problem is loneliness as I haven't 7) to anyone for so long. I've been thinking of building a boat and trying to escape. Please help me.

R. Crusoe

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| 1 A am | B is | C was | D have |
| 2 A since | B for | C just | D already |
| 3 A survive | B 'm surviving | C 've survived | D 've been surviving |
| 4 A 've been eating | B 'm eating | C eat | D 've eaten |
| 5 A often | B usually | C yet | D always |
| 6 A 's raining | B 's rained | C rains | D 's been raining |
| 7 A speak | B spoken | C speaks | D spoke |