

## StartUp Level 3

## Activities Unit 1, Lesson 1, Page 6

Present continuous for temporary situations

**A** Complete the email message. Use the present continuous. Use contractions when possible.

Dear Annie,

Thanks for your message. I 1. (do) much better these days. I 2. (meet) a lot of new people, and guess what? Betsy Parker and I 3. (go) out! We 4. (get) along great. But there's one problem. I 5. (not spend) much time on my classes, and the work 6. (get) more and more difficult. Betsy 7. (not, have) any problems with her classes. But that's no surprise—she 8. (study) right now, and I'm not! Anyway, write again soon.

Take care,

Kerry

**B** Complete the conversations. Use the simple present or the present continuous.

1. A: What (go) on with Stan these days? He's so quiet!  
B: Maybe his restaurant (not do) well.
2. A: Where is Mrs. Johnson this summer? (she / visit) her grandchildren again?  
B: Of course. She always (spend) the summer with them.
3. A: You're really lucky that you (get) along with your boss.  
B: Yeah, he (have) a great personality.
4. A: (your neighbors / have) a lot of parties this summer?  
B: Oh yes. It's the same every summer. They (have) people over every weekend.

Simple past + *when*, *before*, and *after*

**A** Complete each sentence. Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. The Stars won every game before \_\_\_\_.  
a. their best player was hurt      b. the season began
2. After the Stars' best player was hurt, \_\_\_\_.  
a. they didn't expect to win      b. their fans were very happy
3. When they came out on the field, \_\_\_\_.  
a. everybody cheered      b. they lost
4. Before the game started, \_\_\_\_.  
a. the players took showers      b. the players looked nervous
5. When they started to play, \_\_\_\_.  
a. they weren't nervous anymore      b. they lost
6. When they won, \_\_\_\_.  
a. their fans were excited      b. their fans were upset
7. They went out to celebrate after \_\_\_\_.  
a. they finished playing      b. they lost the game
8. After the celebration, all the players \_\_\_\_.  
a. played the game      b. went home

**B** Write 1 below the part of the sentence that happened first. Write 2 below the part that happened second.

1. Mary bought her house after she got a better job.  
—      —
2. I visited Kenya after reading a book about Mt. Kilimanjaro.  
—      —
3. Before I went to London, I studied English in an academy.  
—      —
4. When I lost my wallet, I cancelled all my credit cards.  
—      —
5. I met with Jim before I called you.  
—      —
6. After the game ended, we all went to my house.  
—      —
7. I ate breakfast before you got here.  
—      —
8. I bought a bigger car when I had my baby.  
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Suggestions with *Let's* and *Why don't*

**A** Complete the sentences with *let's* or *why don't*.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ plan a get-together at our house next weekend.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ we ask Sally and Roger to meet us for brunch on Sunday morning?
3. \_\_\_\_\_ cook tonight.
4. Your hands are full. \_\_\_\_\_ I help you?
5. What a beautiful day! \_\_\_\_\_ we go for a walk?
6. \_\_\_\_\_ go out to a restaurant to celebrate your birthday.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ I take your coat?
8. \_\_\_\_\_ do the presentation together.

**B** Complete the sentences. Circle the correct word or phrase.

1. *Let's* / *Why don't* I go for a bike ride together later this afternoon.
2. *Let's* / *Why don't* I help you carry the trashcans out to the street?
3. *Let's* / *Let's not* go to the neighbors' party. It should be fun!
4. *Let's* / *Why don't* we offer to help Elaine wash the dishes?
5. *Let's not* / *Why don't* we eat at this restaurant again. It's horrible!
6. *Let's not* / *Why don't* we have a party this weekend. I'm not in the mood.
7. *Let's* / *Why don't* I pick you up from work this evening?
8. *Let's* / *Why don't* you go to bed? You look tired.