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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.  
\_\_\_\_\_

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.