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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.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

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.
   ___ ___

LIVEWORKSHEETS

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.

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