

2. READING COMPREHENSION: "A BUSY SATURDAY"

A Busy Saturday for Anna and Ben

Anna and Ben are good friends who live in a small town. On Saturday morning, Anna gets up early. She uses a computer to check her emails, but she doesn't buy a newspaper. At 9:00 AM, Anna leaves her house. It is cloudy, so she takes her umbrella and walks home after visiting the local bakery.

Meanwhile, Ben is at his apartment. He doesn't travel by plane or drive a car; instead, he rides a bike to the city park. On his way, he finds some money on the street and puts it in his pocket. At the park entrance, he meets a friend named Mark.

In the afternoon, Anna and Ben gather at the community center. They talk to a friend and play chess together. Ben doesn't sing a song, but Anna joins the music club and sings a song with her group. Later, when it starts to rain, they wait for a bus at the stop. When they hear a loud noise, Ben calls a taxi instead.

In the evening, Anna relaxes at home. She turns on the TV to see a movie, while Ben sits at his desk and paints a picture. They both enjoy their restful Saturday!

Exercise 1A: True or False?

Read each statement below and write True or False based on the story.

1. Anna buys a newspaper on Saturday morning. [_____]
2. Anna takes her umbrella because it is cloudy. [_____]
3. Ben travels by plane to get to the city park. [_____]
4. Ben finds some money on his way to the park. [_____]
5. Anna and Ben play chess at the community center. [_____]
6. Ben sings a song with the music club. [_____]

Exercise 1B: Comprehension Questions

Answer the questions below in complete Present Simple sentences.

1. What does Anna use to check her emails in the morning?
Answer: _____
2. How does Ben travel to the city park?
Answer: _____
3. What do Anna and Ben do when they hear a loud noise at the bus stop?
Answer: _____
4. What does Anna turn on in the evening?
Answer: _____
5. What does Ben do at his desk in the evening?
Answer: _____

3. GRAMMAR PRACTICE: PRESENT SIMPLE CONJUGATION

Exercise 2A: Positive Sentences (+)

Fill in the blanks with the correct positive Present Simple form of the verb phrase in parentheses.

1. Every morning, my grandfather _____ (buy a newspaper) at the corner kiosk.
2. When it rains heavily, we _____ (call a taxi) to go home.
3. Please _____ (come here) and look at this beautiful picture!
4. Maria and Carlos are talented dancers; they _____ (dance the tango) every Saturday.
5. In art class, the young students _____ (draw a picture) of their pets.
6. Sometimes, lucky people _____ (find some money) on the street.
7. On special holidays, I always _____ (give someone a present) to show appreciation.
8. Listen carefully! I _____ (hear a noise) upstairs.
9. Kind individuals always _____ (help someone) in times of need.

Exercise 2B: Negative Sentences (-)

Fill in the blanks with the correct negative Present Simple form (don't or doesn't + base verb).

10. You lose things often because you _____ (look for your keys) carefully.
11. David is busy today, so he _____ (meet a friend) for lunch.
12. I am not an artist, so I _____ (paint a picture) in my free time.
13. My sister dislikes board games; she _____ (play chess) with us.
14. They live very close to school, so they _____ (ride a bike) to class.
15. He is not athletic; he _____ (run a race) on Sunday morning.
16. We prefer staying home on weeknights; we _____ (see a movie) at the cinema.
17. I have a poor singing voice, so I _____ (sing a song) in public.
18. Winter is cold, so she _____ (swim every day) in the outdoor pool.

Exercise 2C: Mixed Positive (+) and Negative (-) Sentences

Complete each sentence with the correct positive or negative Present Simple form based on the symbol ([+] or [-]).

19. [+] Professional photographers _____ (take photos) during the festival.
20. [-] On sunny days, she _____ (take an umbrella) with her.
21. [+] They often sit at the cafe and _____ (talk to a friend) about their lives.
22. [-] A trustworthy friend _____ (tell someone a secret) to other people.
23. [+] Business executives _____ (travel by plane) for international conferences.
24. [-] Before going to bed, he _____ (turn on the TV) — he leaves it off!
25. [+] Office workers _____ (use a computer) to complete tasks every day.
26. [-] When people drive their own cars, they _____ (wait for a bus) in the morning.
27. [+] After work finishes at 5:00 PM, I usually _____ (walk home).