



PRACTICE 4

The past and the present.

What things did Barbara do in the past and what things does she do now? Look at the activities below. Then listen to the tape and check the things she does now, the things she did in the past, and the things she did both in the past and in the present. Follow the example.

		in the past	now
<i>Example:</i>	drive a car		✓
1.	have books		
2.	read a lot		
3.	spend time with friends		
4.	go shopping		
5.	go to the beach		
6.	eat in restaurants		

OPTIONAL PRACTICE 5

A bad day.

Read Howard's story about his bad day.

Yesterday was a bad day for me. I got up an hour late for work. I didn't take a shower and I didn't eat breakfast because I didn't have time. I got in my car and I drove to work. It was late, so I drove very fast. I didn't see the other car, and I had an accident. It wasn't serious, but the man in the other car broke his arm. I got to the office really late and of course my boss was very angry.

Now, write a similar story about a bad day you had in the past. Follow the example.

AT THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE

Dr. Roberts: Good afternoon, Mr. Davis. What seems to be the problem?

Mr. Davis: I'm not sure, doctor. I just don't feel well. I'm usually healthy. But now, I always feel tired, and my stomach is always upset.

Dr. Roberts: I see. Do you drink a lot of alcohol?

Mr. Davis: No, I hardly ever drink.

Dr. Roberts: Your blood pressure is normal. Do you do a lot of exercise?

Mr. Davis: Well, I don't usually have time. I frequently work late at the office, and when I get home I don't usually have the energy to do exercise. I sometimes run in the morning.

Dr. Roberts: All right, let me check your temperature. How is your diet?

Mr. Davis: I usually eat healthy food at home. The problem is that I don't normally have time to go out for lunch at the office. That's why I sometimes order something from a restaurant near my office.

Dr. Roberts: Hmm, you have a fever, Mr. Davis. I think you have a stomach infection.

Mr. Davis: Really? But I almost never have stomach problems.

Dr. Roberts: Well, unfortunately, the food in restaurants isn't always clean. It's possible to get sick from bacteria in the food. I'm writing you a prescription. This medicine usually works quickly. If you don't feel better in 72 hours, give me a call.

Mr. Davis: Thank you, doctor.

CHECK YOUR UNDERSTANDING

1. What is Mr. Davis's problem?

2. Why doesn't he do exercise?

3. Does he usually eat healthy food at work?

4. Does he usually have stomach problems?

5. What is the problem with food in restaurants?
