

Present simple

1. The British Airways pilot

1. Read about Helen Walker. Complete the text with a verb from the boxes.

Flying High

Captain Helen Walker is a pilot with twenty-five years' experience – and a collector of dolls from around the world!

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Helen Walker is 49, and she (1) comes from Guildford in the south of England. She (2) _____ for British Airways. She (3) _____ 747s from London Heathrow to New York JFK three times a week. She (4) _____ £75,000 a year. 'New York is my favourite city,' she says. 'It (5) _____ open spaces and parks like London, but I like it. I (6) _____ shopping on Fifth Avenue, and I (7) _____ shows on Broadway.'

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She's married to Bill, who's an accountant, and they (8) _____ three children. The children go to Sassoon House School. 'I (9) _____ the children to school, Bill does,' explains Helen, 'because I'm away so much.'

Helen has a hobby. She (10) _____ dolls from all over the world. She (11) _____ more than a hundred. 'I (12) _____ going to toy shops when I'm in another country,' she says.

2. Look at Helen's answers. Complete the questions.

- 1 'Where do you come from?'
'I'm from Guildford.'
- 2 'Who _____ you _____ for?'
'I work for British Airways.'
- 3 'What planes _____ you _____?'
'I fly 747s.'
- 4 'Where _____ you _____ to?'
'I fly to New York.'
- 5 'How much _____ you _____?'
'I earn £75,000.'
- 6 'Where _____ you _____ shopping in New York?'
'I go to Fifth Avenue.'
- 7 'What _____ your husband _____?'
'He's an accountant.'
- 8 'How many dolls _____ you _____?'
'More than a hundred.'

3 Complete the sentences with isn't, aren't, 'm not, doesn't, or don't.

- 1 Helen Walker isn't a flight attendant. She's a pilot.
- 2 She _____ work in an office. She works in a plane.
- 3 'I _____ fly to Australia. I fly to New York.'
- 4 'There _____ a lot of parks in New York, just Central Park.'
- 5 'My children _____ go to Clarence School. They go to Sassoon House School.'
- 6 She _____ take the children to school, Bill does.
- 7 'I _____ at home all the time. I go away a lot.'
- 8 Helen _____ collect cars. She collects dolls.

2. More verbs in the Present Simple

Complete the sentences with a verb from the box.

love (x2)	like	want	know	have
live	prefer	mean	understand	come

1 I have two sisters and a brother.

2 'What does this word _____? *Expensive.*'
'It means it costs a lot of money.'

3 I'm hungry! I _____ a sandwich!

4 Where do you _____ from?

5 When Kenji speaks to me in Japanese,
I don't _____.

6 I _____ with my parents in a town called Salford.

7 'Do you _____ what time it is?'
'Yes. It's ten o'clock.'

8 'Do you _____ me?'
'Of course I _____ you! You're my wife!'

9 'Do you like red or white wine best?'
'I _____ red.'

10 They _____ good food so they often go to restaurants.

3. How often...?

1. Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

- 1 always / shower / morning / have / the / in / I / a
I always have a shower in the morning.
- 2 sometimes / go / cinema / to / I / the

- 3 often / France / on / We / holiday / go / to

- 4 never / coffee / morning / drink / I / in / the

- 5 usually / 9.00 / work / I / start / at

2. Look at the information about Sam. Complete the sentences using an adverb.

Activity	How often?
drink tea in the morning	always
go to work by bus	usually
have lunch with a friend	sometimes
work late	never
go jogging	often



- 1 Sam always drinks tea in the morning.
- 2 He _____ to work by bus.
- 3 _____ lunch with a friend.
- 4 _____ late.
- 5 _____ jogging.

Vocabulary

4. Free time activities

1. Match a line in **A** with a line in **B**.

A	B
1 We love films so	a ☐ I read all the time.
2 My passion is books so	b ☐ we often cook for friends.
3 I love jazz and blues so	c ☒ we often go to the cinema.
4 I like relaxing at home so	d ☐ I watch TV every night.
5 We love food so	e ☐ I listen to a lot of music.

2. Choose play or go for each free time activity.

1. _____ golf
2. _____ swimming
3. _____ running
4. _____ windsurfing
5. _____ computer games
6. _____ sailing
7. _____ cards
8. _____ cycling
9. _____ tennis
10. _____ skiing

Reading

5. My perfect weekend

My perfect weekend

Miranda Hart
- actress and
comedian

*'Most single women
I know want a
boyfriend, but
I love being on
my own.'*



On Friday night I get home at 6.15 from work at the BBC and make a hot chocolate. I watch TV for an hour. I wait for the rush hour to finish, and then drive out of London. I hate driving in a lot of traffic.

I go with my dog, Peggy. We go south to a cottage near the sea. It's very quiet. I don't have any neighbours. I look at the stars in the sky – there are thousands of them!

My favourite things ...

- A hot bath
- Going to the theatre or cinema
- Looking at the sky
- Talking to my dog, who listens and doesn't answer back

I go to bed at 10.00 and sleep for ten hours. On Saturday morning, when I get up at

8.00, I'm very hungry, so I have breakfast in a café. After breakfast I do exercises, and then go for a long walk next to the sea.

In the afternoon I go out on my boat and have a picnic. I watch birds and enjoy the quiet – just me, the birds, and the sea. In the evening I read. I don't have a TV in the cottage.

On Sunday morning I listen to music then go for a really long walk to a pub, where I have lunch – a real Sunday lunch with a roast and lots of vegetables.

I leave the cottage at about 5.00 because I don't like driving in bad traffic. Back in London on Sunday evening I go to the cinema.

I like my job, but it's difficult. After a lovely, relaxing weekend I don't really want to go back to work on Monday morning. But it's fine – I work with nice people. ☺

1. Read the article carefully. Answer the questions.

- 1 What time does she get home on Friday evening?
- 2 What does she have to drink?
- 3 Does she stay in London for the weekend?
- 4 Does she like driving?
- 5 Who does she go with?
- 6 What are her favourite things?

2. Look at Miranda's answers. Complete the questions.

- 1 'What time do you go to bed on Friday night?'
'At 10.00.'
- 2 'What time _____ on Saturday morning?'
'At 8.00.'
- 3 'Where _____?'
'In a café.'
- 4 'What _____ after breakfast?'
'I do some exercises.'
- 5 'Where _____?'
'Next to the sea.'

3. Complete the sentences about Miranda with a verb.

- 1 On Saturday evening Miranda reads a book.
- 2 She doesn't have a television.
- 3 On Sunday morning she _____ to music.
- 4 She _____ for a long walk.
- 5 She _____ lunch in a pub.
- 6 She _____ the cottage at 5.00.
- 7 On Monday morning she _____ to go back to work.
- 8 She _____ with nice people.

Everyday English

6. Social expressions

Match a line in **A** with a line in **B**.

A	B
1 Have a nice day!	a ☐ I have a headache.
2 I'm sorry I'm late.	b ☒ Thanks. Same to you.
3 What's the matter?	c ☐ Thanks! They're new! £30!
4 Can I have a coffee, please?	d ☐ Never mind. Come and sit down.
5 What does <i>hungry</i> mean?	e ☐ Of course. Black or white?
6 Can you help me?	f ☐ Pardon? Could you say that again?
7 I like your jeans!	g ☐ It means you want to eat!
8 How was your day?	h ☐ Sure! What's the problem?
9 Please fasten your seatbelt.	i ☐ Very interesting, thanks. What about you?

7. I'm tired!

Complete the conversations with an adjective in the box.

thirsty	happy	hungry	tired	busy
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- 1 'I'm tired.' 'Go to bed, then!'
- 2 'I'm _____.' 'Don't do too much!'
- 3 'I'm _____.' 'Have a sandwich, then!'
- 4 'I'm _____.' 'Have a drink, then!'
- 5 'I'm _____.' 'Good! I'm very pleased!'

Don't forget

8. am / is / are / do / does ?

Complete the conversations with am, is, are, do, or does.

A How many brothers and sisters (1) do you have?

B I have one brother and one sister.

A How old (2) _____ your sister?

B Twenty.

A How old (3) _____ you?

B I (4) _____ eighteen.

A What (5) _____ your sister do?

B She (6) _____ a student.

9. a / an or no article

Complete the sentences with a / an or – (nothing)

- 1 I have a shower in the morning.
- 2 I go to _____ work by _____ bus.
- 3 My brother's wife is _____ French.
- 4 She works in _____ office.
- 5 Can I have _____ cup of coffee, please?
- 6 We go to _____ café for _____ lunch.
- 7 Where do you go on _____ holiday?
- 8 She's _____ singer in _____ band.
- 9 We stay at _____ home on Friday evening.
- 10 I go to _____ bed about 11.00.

10. Prepositions

Complete the sentences with a preposition from the box.

to (x 2)	from	by	of
on	in (x 4)	with	for (x 2)

- 1 I come from Italy.
- 2 I go _____ work _____ bus.
- 3 I live _____ my parents _____ a flat.
- 4 I like going _____ a walk _____ the park.
- 5 This is a photo _____ me _____ holiday _____ Spain.
- 6 My sister is married _____ an American.
- 7 I have a present _____ you.
- 8 We go skiing _____ winter.