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## Present simple, adverbs of frequency

1 Hello. Can I ask you some questions for TeenLink, our school magazine?

2 What do you do in your free time?

3 Do you always play computer games?

4 What about you?

5 And what do you do in your free time?

6 Corky! You never play the piano and you never paint!

Yes.

I usually visit a friend. We play computer games.

No, not always. We sometimes listen to music.

We often go to the park. Dave usually plays basketball there.

I play the piano and I paint!

Wow! That's amazing!

No, I don't. But I'm in TeenLink magazine!

- We use adverbs of frequency to say how often somebody does something.
 

always		They <b>always</b> play computer games.
usually		I <b>usually</b> go to a friend's house.
often		We <b>often</b> go to the park.
sometimes		We <b>sometimes</b> listen to music.
never		You <b>never</b> read books.
- Adverbs of frequency usually go before the main verb.
 








She **doesn't always** go to bed early.

Do you **usually** go to the park?
- sometimes** and **often** have a different place in a negative sentence.
 

**Sometimes** they don't play basketball.

They don't visit their aunt **often**.

1 Look at the chart on page 52. Add the correct adverb.

- 1  Peter *sometimes* listens to music with his friend.  
 2  Dave ..... plays basketball in the park.  
 3  I ..... buy magazines.  
 4  We ..... watch TV on Fridays.  
 5  They ..... go out with friends on Saturday evening.  
 6  Adam ..... reads comics.  
 7  My sister ..... drinks milk for breakfast.

2 Write the adverb in the correct place.

- 1 She rides her bike in the park. (sometimes) *She sometimes rides her bike in the park*  
 2 You go to bed at 9 o'clock. (always) .....  
 3 We go to the cinema on Wednesday. (usually) .....  
 4 I read a magazine on Sunday morning. (often) .....  
 5 She eats fish. (never) .....  
 6 He does his homework on Fridays. (always). .....

3 Read and write.

What do you do in your free time?					
	always	usually	often	sometimes	never
Peter		<i>visit a friend</i>		<i>read comics</i>	
Sylvia	<i>listen to music</i>				<i>watch TV</i>
Chris			<i>skate in the park</i>	<i>play computer games</i>	
Victoria		<i>go out with friends</i>			<i>stay at home</i>

- 1 Peter *usually visits a friend. He sometimes reads comics.*  
 2 Sylvia .....  
 3 Chris .....  
 4 Victoria .....



4 Look at Exercise 3 on page 53. Write questions and answers.  
What do they do in their free time?

- 1 Sylvia / listen to music / always?  
Does Sylvia always listen to music? Yes, she does.
- 2 Victoria / skate in the park / often?  
.....
- 3 Chris / play computer games / sometimes?  
.....
- 4 Victoria / stay at home / usually?  
.....
- 5 Peter / watch TV / always?  
.....
- 6 Sylvia / go out with friends / often?  
.....

5 Read and complete the dialogues.



- 1 Dave: 1 My cousin Ralf never gets up ..... early in the morning.  
(My cousin Ralf / get up / never)  
Zoe: What time does he get up?  
Dave: 2 ..... at twelve o'clock.  
(he / get up / usually)  
Brian: Does he go to bed late, too?  
Dave: 3 ..... to bed before five in the morning. (he / go / never)  
Zoe: Oh, dear! Does he work?  
Dave: Yes, he does. He's a night bus driver!
- 2 Brian: 4 ..... at nine o'clock?  
(you / go to bed / always)  
Adam: No, not always. 5 ..... at eight o'clock. (I / go to bed / sometimes)  
Brian: That's early!  
Adam: Yes, it is. But 6 ..... at six o'clock in the morning and watch the cartoons on TV! (I / get up / often)

6 Choose and write about you.

always usually often sometimes never

- 1 have milk for breakfast *I always have milk for breakfast.*
- 2 do homework in the evening .....
- 3 watch TV in the morning .....
- 4 study for tests .....
- 5 see my friends at the weekend .....
- 6 go to the cinema on Mondays .....

7 Read and write.

Dear Zoe,  
 My best friends are Isabella and Dario. They <sup>1</sup> *live* .....  
 (live) near my house. We <sup>2</sup> ..... (play / often) at my  
 house because I've got a big garden. Isabella <sup>3</sup> .....  
 (like) music. She <sup>4</sup> ..... (sing) and she  
<sup>5</sup> ..... (play) the guitar. Dario  
<sup>6</sup> ..... (read / usually) comics and  
<sup>7</sup> ..... (play) football.  
 At the weekends, we <sup>8</sup> ..... (go / sometimes) to the  
 cinema or <sup>9</sup> ..... (watch) a DVD at Dario's house.  
 What about you? What <sup>10</sup> ..... you and your friends  
 ..... (usually / do)?  
 Love  
 Giovanna

8 Write.

Write a letter to Giovanna. Write about your friends and what you usually do together.  
 Use her letter in Exercise 7 as a model.

Dear Giovanna,  
 My best friends are .....  
 .....  
 .....  
 .....  
 Love  
 .....