

Talking about the present

GRAMMARZONE

Present simple

- A** something that is always or usually true
*George **lives** in Manchester.*
- B** a habit or routine
*George normally **dances** in the streets.*
- C** do/does to make questions and don't/doesn't to make negatives
***Do** you **spend** a lot of time together?
No, we **don't**.*

Time expressions

- D** adverbs of frequency before the present simple
*George **often** has an audience.*
- E** other time phrases at the beginning or end of a sentence
*Faryl plays for a team **every week**.*

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1 Make questions and sentences using the present simple.

- 1 She / love / dancing and singing
*She **loves** dancing and singing.*
- 2 My best friend / not / like / basketball
- 3 do / he / play chess?
- 4 Our teacher / take part / in talent shows
- 5 My brother / go / to stage school
- 6 I / not / watch TV / every day
- 7 do / they / enjoy / playing football?
- 8 My cousins / not / play / tennis

2 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs.

I 1) ~~go~~ (go) to dance lessons every week with Leo. We normally 2) (enjoy) our lessons and we 3) (work) very hard. We often 4) (practise) new dance moves.

I 5) (love) taking part in a dance, but I 6) (not/like) jumping and kicking. Look at Leo! He 7) (like) jumping high in the air. He often 8) (do) a big kick, too. It 9) (not/look) easy. Be careful, Leo! Don't jump off the stage!

3 Write the words in the correct order.

- 1 I every Saturday go shopping
- 2 often George plays computer games
- 3 We in the evening watch TV
- 4 always takes her dog for a walk Kate in the morning
- 5 plays football at the weekend usually Faryl

4 Complete the article with the best answer, A, B or C for each space.

1)..... Charlie Parker goes to the Anatoly Karpov Chess School in Kansas, USA. 2)..... the children 3)..... sleep in large dormitories. They 4)..... get up early and eat breakfast together. They 5)..... play chess for two hours a day with a special chess teacher. Charlie 6)..... takes part in competitions 7)..... His dream is to be world chess champion one day!



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| 1 A Today | B Now | C Every summer |
| 2 A Always | B Tonight | C At night |
| 3 A normally | B at present | C now |
| 4 A this afternoon | B always | C in the evening |
| 5 A usually | B this morning | C never |
| 6 A sometimes | B one day | C in the afternoon |
| 7 A normally | B today | C at the weekend |

Time to write

5 What do you usually do at the weekend/in the summer? Write three sentences.

I often go swimming at the weekend.