

## 8.1 )) HAVING A GREAT TIME

- G present continuous
- P weak forms: prepositions and articles
- V verbs + prepositions

**1** Researchers from Penn University looked at over fifteen million Facebook messages, and tried to answer some questions: Do men and women use different words in their messages? How is the language of a younger and older person different? They found some surprising things.

**2** The researchers studied messages from over 75,000 people. They looked at the language in the messages and also the most popular topics for messages.

**3** They found some big differences between men and women. Women use more adjectives and phrases for feelings, for example: 'excited', 'wonderful', 'love you' and '<3', the emoticon for a heart. They often talk about family and friends.

**4** Men talk about sport, computers, game consoles and videos (Xbox and YouTube are popular). They also often use swear words. It's interesting that men use 'my wife' and 'my girlfriend' more than women. Women often put 'amazing' in front of 'husband' or 'boyfriend'.

**5** And what about age? It isn't surprising that thirteen- to eighteen-year-old kids talk about school a lot ('school', 'homework', 'English') but people from twenty-three to twenty-nine speak about work ('at work', 'new job', 'office'). Older people are more interested in family and friends and their favourite words are 'son', 'daughter', 'my kids' and 'friends'.

**6** So, let's see how the research works for us. Look at these messages from two friends. What can you say about the writers?

“ Wonderful birthday! Katya brought me breakfast in bed this morning and now Yuri is cooking dinner (tomato pasta). I'm lucky to have such a lovely family. ”

“ I'm having a great time here in Brazil with my girlfriend. We're relaxing by the swimming pool AND Brazil won the football last night! Life is perfect. Thinking about you all in the office! See you next week. ”

### READING

**1** Work in pairs and discuss. Which alternative is true for you?

- 1 I take photos with *my camera/my mobile/ my camera and mobile*.
- 2 My favourite subjects are *people/places*.
- 3 I put my photos *online/in a book*.
- 4 I write comments on the photos in *English/ my language*.

**2 A** Read the introduction to the article (paragraph 1) and choose the best title.

- Your age, your personality
- Women talk more than men
- Your words, your identity

**B** Work in pairs. Match the people in A to the language in B.

**A People**

- 1 women
- 2 men
- 3 teenagers
- 4 people in their 20s
- 5 people from 30 to 65

**B Words people use**

- a) 'daughter'
- b) 'at work'
- c) 'homework'
- d) '<3' (=♥)
- e) 'YouTube'

# GRAMMAR

## PRESENT CONTINUOUS

**A** Complete the table. Use examples from the messages.

Yuri	_____ <i>cooking</i>	dinner.
I	_____	a great time.
We	_____	by the swimming pool.

**C**  **8.1** Complete the questions with 's or are. Then listen and check.

- 1 What \_\_\_\_\_ you thinking about?
- 2 What \_\_\_\_\_ he doing?



**A** Match photos A–C with comments 1–3.

- 1 Great party! The kids are dancing in the garden and we \_\_\_\_\_ the beautiful spring day. I \_\_\_\_\_ with Laura's mum and we \_\_\_\_\_ another piece of cake.
- 2 Don't come to Rome in summer! We \_\_\_\_\_ for the museum to open. My husband \_\_\_\_\_ pictures of the buildings and the crowd. I \_\_\_\_\_ very bored.
- 3 We \_\_\_\_\_ to Sarah and Jeff – they \_\_\_\_\_ a new CD at the studio. I <3 Sarah's voice! She \_\_\_\_\_ and Jeff \_\_\_\_\_ guitar, and they sound great!

**B** Complete the comments above with verbs from the box.

dance chat eat enjoy feel listen make  
play sing take wait

1 what / instrument / Jake / play?

What instrument is Jake playing?

2 who / Zoe / talk to?

3 where / Zoe and Paolo / sit?

4 how many bags / Jo and Dave / carry?

5 who / Wesley / take / a photo of?

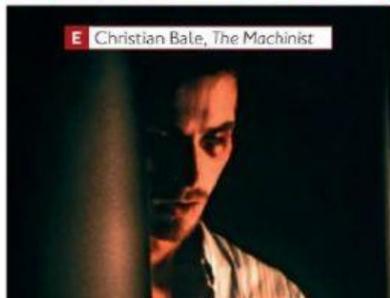
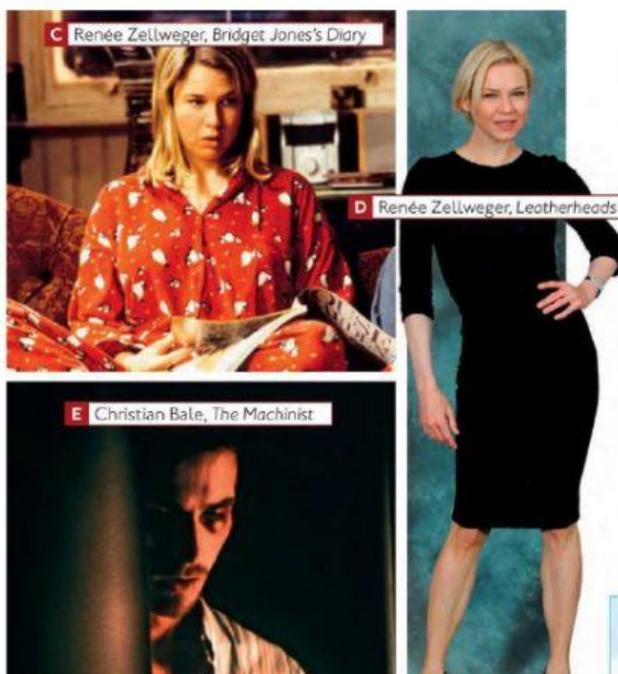
6 who / talk / on the phone?

7 what / Megan / read?

8 who / buy / bag?

## 8.2 )) WHAT A DIFFERENCE!

- G present simple and continuous
- P intonation in questions
- V appearance



- . **A** Look at the photos. Do you know the actors or the films? For which films did they lose weight? For which films did they put on weight?

- B** 8.3 Listen to the conversation and number the photos in the order the people talk about them.

**C** Work in pairs and discuss. What do the speakers say about these things?



**E** Work in groups and discuss the questions.

- 1 Do you know other actors who changed their appearance for a film?
- 2 What are good and bad things about losing and putting on weight for a job?
- 3 Would you like to do it?

## VOCABULARY

### APPEARANCE

**A** Work in pairs. Look at the photos and answer the questions. Write the letter (A–E).

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>1</b> Who is:        | <b>2</b> Who has got: |
| a) very thin? <i>E</i>  | a) long blonde hair?  |
| b) slim?                | b) short brown hair?  |
| c) a little overweight? | c) a beard?           |
| d) in his/her thirties? | d) a moustache?       |
| e) wearing make-up?     | e) glasses?           |
| f) wearing black?       |                       |

**B**  **8.4** Listen to a man describing two of the photos. Which two is he talking about?

## GRAMMAR

### PRESENT SIMPLE AND CONTINUOUS

**B** Underline the correct alternatives below.

In an office, men usually <sup>1</sup>wear/are wearing dark suits, ties and shoes, but now Sam <sup>2</sup>wears/'s wearing jeans, a T-shirt and trainers. He <sup>3</sup>doesn't wear/isn't wearing a tie. Another problem is that today he <sup>4</sup>wears/'s wearing sunglasses and most businessmen <sup>5</sup>don't wear/aren't wearing sunglasses at work.





Walkers <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not) usually <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a suit; they usually <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ trousers and walking jackets. Today, Jenny <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ boots, but her boyfriend <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ sandals – dangerous on a country walk. Another problem is that he <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not) a backpack now, he <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a suitcase!

Complete with the prepositions:

for to of about to about of

Complete the sentences with prepositions.

- 1 Dave's over there. He's chatting with Joan.
- 2 I'm waiting \_\_\_\_\_ the train.
- 3 Diana, can you take a photo \_\_\_\_\_ the class?
- 4 What are you listening \_\_\_\_\_?
- 5 We read \_\_\_\_\_ the wedding yesterday in the newspaper.
- 6 I can't come at the moment. I'm talking \_\_\_\_\_ the phone.
- 7 Ask your teacher \_\_\_\_\_ the pronunciation of this word. I can't help you, sorry.
- 8 When I'm on holiday, I never think \_\_\_\_\_ work.

## LISTENING

5 A  8.1 Listen and match conversations 1–5 with places a)–e).

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|----------------|---|------------------|
| Conversation 1 | } | a) tennis match  |
| Conversation 2 |   | b) fashion show  |
| Conversation 3 |   | c) art gallery   |
| Conversation 4 |   | d) concert       |
| Conversation 5 |   | e) ticket office |

B Listen again and underline the correct alternative for each conversation.

- 1 The man really likes/doesn't like the paintings.
- 2 Nellie wants/ doesn't want to go to the concert.
- 3 The woman is in/going into a concert.
- 4 Felicity says she wants/doesn't want to meet for a coffee.
- 5 All/Some of the people are wearing black.

Read the script below to make sure you did it right.

## **UNIT 8** Recording 1

- 1 Hello? Oh hi, Rob. No, we're at the new exhibition at the National Gallery and we're looking at the Klimt paintings. Yeah, they're fantastic. OK, see you later.
- 2 Nellie, it's me, Russ. Hi, yeah, we're queuing to buy tickets for the concert. Do you want to come? I can get you a ticket. Two? Oh, who's your new friend? Right. See you soon.
- 3 Hi. Oh, look, I can't talk now – we're just going into a concert. It's the Mozart. Yes, the *Requiem*. Sorry, I've got to go.
- 4 Hi, Felicity. Fine, thanks. Listen, do you want to have a coffee later? After the match – maybe around four o'clock. Yeah, it's Nadal again – he's amazing! Oh you're watching the match on TV? Right, see you at four.
- 5 Zsuzsa, I just had to call you. The new designs, they're fantastic – everything's black and white, you know. Kate's wearing white and Fabio's in all-black – black jeans, a black sweater and black jacket. OK, yeah, I'll take some pictures. Talk to you later.

**A** Work in pairs and discuss. What clothes do you usually/never wear for:

- a walk in the country?
- dinner at a friend's house?
- a job interview?
- meeting friends in a bar or club?
- a party?
- an exercise class?