



Grammar practice

Talking about facts, routines, and actions in progress

Simple present and present continuous

1 Choose the correct verbs to complete the sentences.

- 1 We **start** / **'re starting** school at nine o'clock every morning.
- 2 I **don't get** / **'m not getting** bored on weekends when the weather's bad.
- 3 Anna isn't here. She **works** / **'s working** at the supermarket today.
- 4 What time **do they go** / **are they going** to bed on Saturdays?
- 5 Frieda **doesn't eat** / **isn't eating** meat. She's a vegetarian.
- 6 I can see them from the window. They **walk** / **'re walking** towards the car.
- 7 We **study** / **'re studying** ancient Rome in our history class this morning.
- 8 **Do you think** / **Are you thinking** Peter is happy at school?

2 Write sentences with the simple present or present continuous.

- 1 Sally and Jo / not play / tennis / right now

- 2 Amy / study / Chinese / on Saturday mornings

- 3 what time / the concert / start / ?

- 4 we / play / computer games. you / want / to join us / ?

- 5 Amira / not understand / the question

- 6 what book / she / read / right now / ?

Talking about frequency

Adverbs of frequency

3 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 I'm ... late for school. I'm always on time.
a never b often c sometimes
- 2 Jenny ... goes to work by bus, but not very often.
a never b sometimes c usually
- 3 We ... have lunch at school, but on Fridays we go home for lunch.
a usually b always c sometimes
- 4 I don't like watching movies, so I ... go to the movie theater.
a sometimes b often c never
- 5 Claire ... sits next to me in class. I never have a different partner.
a always b sometimes c often
- 6 Most days, Tom walks to school, but he ... takes the bus.
a often b always c sometimes

4 Rewrite the sentences so that they are true for you. Use the adverbs below to help you.

always usually often sometimes never

1 I do a lot of homework on weekends.

2 My friends and I go to the movie theater on weekdays.

3 I'm on time for class.

4 My classmates and I play basketball at school.

5 We go to Spain for our vacation.

6 I don't get up early on Sundays.

5 Complete the email with the simple present or present continuous form of the verbs in parentheses.

Hi Marta,

Thanks for writing to me about your family. My brothers and I ¹ (love) music, too. My older brother, Tom, ² (play) guitar in a band every weekend. In fact, he ³ (practice) in his room right at this moment. Andy, my younger brother, ⁴ (not know) how to play a musical instrument, but he ⁵ (spend) hours on the internet finding out about the latest bands. Me? Well, I ⁶ (not want) to be a rock star, but I'd like a job in the music industry one day. That's why I ⁷ (take) an online course in how to write music for computer games. It's really interesting. What about you? What kind of music ⁸ (you / enjoy) listening to? ⁹ (your sister / usually / listen) to the same kind of music? ¹⁰ (you / listen) to music right now?

Adam

6 Put the words in the correct order to make questions. There is one word you don't need. Then answer the questions with your own ideas. Write full sentences.

1 are / where / go / do / you / for vacation / usually / ?

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2 on Sunday morning / you / what / do / time / she / get up / ?

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3 doing / is / what / are / right now / your friends / ?

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4 spend / how / do / long / getting ready / much / you / for school in the morning / ?

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5 are / happening / what / outside the window / is / ?

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6 how / a book / often / does / do / read / you / ?

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