

1B GRAMMAR present simple

Complete the conversations with the present simple form of the verbs in brackets.



- 1 A Your dog is a bit overweight. (be)
B Yes, he eats too much food! (eat)
- 2 A How often _____ your grandparents? (you / see)
B I usually _____ them twice a year. (visit)
- 3 A _____ here in winter? (it / snow)
B No, but it _____ a lot. (rain)
- 4 A What _____? (Sam's new girlfriend / look like)
B She _____ long blonde hair and big dark brown eyes. (have)
- 5 A How often _____ to the gym? (you / go)
B Hardly ever! I _____ doing exercise. (not like)
- 6 A _____ your husband a vegetarian? (be)
B No, but he _____ much meat. (not eat)
- 7 A What time _____? (your Italian class / finish)
B It _____ at seven o'clock. (finish)
- 8 A Your daughter _____ very shy. (look)
B Yes, she _____ much. (not talk)
- 9 A What _____? (your English teacher / be like)
B She _____ really kind and funny. (be)
- 10 A _____ your English homework? (you / always do)
B No, I sometimes _____! (forget)
- 11 A We _____ very well with our neighbours. (not get on)
B Why not? _____ a lot of noise? (they / make)
- 12 A What time _____? (the supermarket / open)
B I _____. Look online. (not know)

ACTIVATION

Write three sentences about what you do at the weekend, and three sentences about what a person in your family does. Use adverbs or expressions of frequency.

1C GRAMMAR present simple or present continuous?

Complete the conversations with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

1

A Why ¹are you taking (take) a photo of your guitar?
B I ²want (want) to sell it on eBay.
A Why? I ³don't understand (not understand).
You ⁴play (play) your guitar every day!
You ⁵love (love) it!
B I ⁶sell (sell) my old one because I ⁷want (want) to buy a new one.
A Oh, OK.



2

A Hi. ⁸Do you need (need) any help?
B No, thanks. I ⁹just look (just look).
A ¹⁰Do you look (look) for anything in particular?
B Yes, I ¹¹think (think) of getting a jacket.
A This is one of our best-sellers. It's real leather. I ¹²have (have) it, and I ¹³wear (wear) it all the time.
B Yes, it's lovely. Where can I try it on?



3

A You ¹⁴read (read) a book about modern art! I ¹⁵don't believe (not believe) it!
You ¹⁶hate (hate) modern art!
B I know. But now I ¹⁷need (need) to learn about it.
A Why?
B Because my girlfriend ¹⁸studies (study) it at college this year, and she loves it.
A What's that picture on the left? Can I see it?
B It's a woman, and I think she ¹⁹walks (walk) in a garden...I don't really know.
A Let me see...No, she ²⁰isn't walking (not walk).
She ²¹flies (fly).
B Oh, yes!



ACTIVATION

Practise the conversations with a partner.

2A GRAMMAR past simple: regular and irregular verbs

Complete the conversations with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

1

A Is this your first time in the UK, Anna?
B No, I ¹had (have) a holiday in Scotland last year.
A Really? I love Scotland! Where ²_____ you _____ (stay)?
B We ³_____ (stay) in Edinburgh. We ⁴_____ (book) a hotel online, but unfortunately when we ⁵_____ (arrive) we ⁶_____ (not like) it. So we ⁷_____ (leave) that hotel and ⁸_____ (rent) an apartment. It was great! What about you? When ⁹_____ (be) you in Scotland?
A Oh, a long time ago. I ¹⁰_____ (start) a university course there. I ¹¹_____ (not finish) the course, but I ¹²_____ (love) Scotland!



2

A Hi, Oliver. Welcome home! How ¹³_____ (be) your flight?
B Hi, Mum. It ¹⁴_____ (not be) bad. I ¹⁵_____ (not sleep) much, but I ¹⁶_____ (watch) some good films.
A And ¹⁷_____ you ¹⁸_____ (like) New Zealand?
B Yes! It ¹⁹_____ (be) fantastic. I ²⁰_____ (have) a great time. It's a really beautiful country and I ²¹_____ (meet) some amazing people. I ²²_____ (not want) to come home!
A ²³_____ you ²⁴_____ (take) many photos?
B Yes, I ²⁵_____ (take) a lot. I can show you when we get home.



3

A Ruth! You're back! ²⁶_____ you ²⁷_____ (have) a good holiday?
B No. It ²⁸_____ (be) awful.
A Why? What happened?
B We ²⁹_____ (stay) in a horrible apartment, and Tom ³⁰_____ (think) the city was dangerous at night, so we ³¹_____ (not go) out much in the evening.
A What ³²_____ you ³³_____ (do) during the day?
B Yes, we ³⁴_____ (visit) all the famous places. But we ³⁵_____ (argue) a lot. Tom ³⁶_____ (buy) very expensive souvenirs for all his family! I ³⁷_____ (not buy) anything.



ACTIVATION

Test your memory. Cover the conversations and look at the pictures. Try to remember what happened to Anna, Oliver, and Ruth and Tom.

2B GRAMMAR past continuous

a Look at the pictures and complete the sentences with the past simple and past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.



1 I was sleeping when you sent me the message. (sleep, send)

2 Susan _____ around Italy when she _____ her boyfriend. (travel, meet)

3 We _____ some old photos when we _____ the house. (find, clean)

4 They _____ for the bus when they _____ the accident. (wait, see)

5 It _____ to rain when they _____ to school. (start, cycle)

6 A dog _____ into the road when I _____ home. (run, drive)

b Complete the story with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.



Last summer, I ¹was living (live) in Hawaii. One Saturday morning, I ²wake up (wake up) early, and it ³be (be) a beautiful day. The sun ⁴shine (shine), and I ⁵feel (feel) really happy. I ⁶not need (not need) to go to work that day, so I ⁷decide (decide) to go surfing. Most of my friends ⁸work (work) and my girlfriend ⁹visit (visit) her parents, so I ¹⁰go (go) to the beach alone. When I ¹¹arrive (arrive), the beach ¹²be (be) already crowded. A lot of people ¹³sunbathe (sunbathe), children ¹⁴play (play) games and people ¹⁵swim (swim) in the sea. Everyone ¹⁶enjoy (enjoy) the lovely summer day. I ¹⁷put (put) my things down on the beach, and then I ¹⁸begin (begin) walking to the sea with my surfboard. Suddenly, a man ¹⁹shout (shout), 'Shark! Shark! Get out of the water!' At first, I ²⁰not can (not can) see anything, but then I ²¹see (see) a big shark. Luckily, it ²²not attack (not attack) anyone and ²³swim (swim) away quickly. I ²⁴not stay (not stay) at the beach after that, and I ²⁵go (go) home without going surfing!

ACTIVATION

Test your memory. Cover the sentences in a and look at the pictures. Try to remember the sentences.