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Present continuous for temporary situations

A Complete the email message. Use the present continuous. Use contractions when possible.

Dear Annie,

Thanks for your message. I _____ 1. (do) much better these days. I _____ 2. (meet) a lot of new people, and guess what? Betsy Parker and I _____ 3. (go) out! We _____ 4. (get) along great. But there's one problem. I _____ 5. (not spend) much time on my classes, and the work _____ 6. (get) more and more difficult. Betsy _____ 7. (not, have) any problems with her classes. But that's no surprise—she _____ 8. (study) right now, and I'm not! Anyway, write again soon.

Take care,

Kerry

B Complete the conversations. Use the simple present or the present continuous.

- A: What _____ (go) on with Stan these days? He's so quiet!

B: Maybe his restaurant _____ (not do) well.
- A: Where is Mrs. Johnson this summer? _____ (she / visit) her grandchildren again?

B: Of course. She always _____ (spend) the summer with them.
- A: You're really lucky that you _____ (get) along with your boss.

B: Yeah, he _____ (have) a great personality.
- A: _____ (your neighbors / have) a lot of parties this summer?

B: Oh yes. It's the same every summer. They _____ (have) people over every weekend.

Simple past + *when, before, and after*

A Complete each sentence. Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. The Stars won every game before ____.
 a. their best player was hurt b. the season began
2. After the Stars' best player was hurt, ____.
 a. they didn't expect to win b. their fans were very happy
3. When they came out on the field, ____.
 a. everybody cheered b. they lost
4. Before the game started, ____.
 a. the players took showers b. the players looked nervous
5. When they started to play, ____.
 a. they weren't nervous anymore b. they lost
6. When they won, ____.
 a. their fans were excited b. their fans were upset
7. They went out to celebrate after ____.
 a. they finished playing b. they lost the game
8. After the celebration, all the players ____.
 a. played the game b. went home

B Write 1 below the part of the sentence that happened first. Write 2 below the part that happened second.

1. Mary bought her house after she got a better job.

2. I visited Kenya after reading a book about Mt. Kilimanjaro.

3. Before I went to London, I studied English in an academy.

4. When I lost my wallet, I cancelled all my credit cards.

5. I met with Jim before I called you.

6. After the game ended, we all went to my house.

7. I ate breakfast before you got here.

8. I bought a bigger car when I had my baby.

Suggestions with *Let's* and *Why don't*

A Complete the sentences with *let's* or *why don't*.

1. _____ plan a get-together at our house next weekend.
2. _____ we ask Sally and Roger to meet us for brunch on Sunday morning?
3. _____ cook tonight.
4. Your hands are full. _____ I help you?
5. What a beautiful day! _____ we go for a walk?
6. _____ go out to a restaurant to celebrate your birthday.
7. _____ I take your coat?
8. _____ do the presentation together.

B Complete the sentences. Circle the correct word or phrase.

1. *Let's / Why don't I* go for a bike ride together later this afternoon.
2. *Let's / Why don't I* help you carry the trashcans out to the street?
3. *Let's / Let's not* go to the neighbors' party. It should be fun!
4. *Let's / Why don't we* offer to help Elaine wash the dishes?
5. *Let's not / Why don't we* eat at this restaurant again. It's horrible!
6. *Let's not / Why don't we* have a party this weekend. I'm not in the mood.
7. *Let's / Why don't I* pick you up from work this evening?
8. *Let's / Why don't you* go to bed? You look tired.