


## PRESENT SIMPLE and CONTINUOUS, STATIVE VERBS

### 1. Read the text and choose the correct words.

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 **ZACK SPEAKS THE TRUTH**

**Today's topic: Do you really need a new phone?**

Whenever I **tell / am telling** my friends how old my phone is, they **think / are thinking** that I **joke / am joking**. I'm not, though. I got this phone three years ago. I can still upload my photos and keep up to date with social media.

All of the apps I have still **work / are working**. In other words, there is nothing wrong with it.

My friend Max, on the other hand, only got a new mobile phone last year and already he **thinks / is thinking** about upgrading. But it's not because it's broken. Max is like a lot of my friends – they **see / are seeing** ads for the latest phones and they **feel / are feeling** the pressure to buy them.

After all, the people in the ads are usually cool and **look / are looking** like they **have / are having** a great time.

The message is that “new tech” means “cool”. Well, I definitely **don't think / am not thinking** so!

### 2. Complete the dialogue with the correct form of the verbs in the box. Use contractions where possible.

CALL – COME – GET – HAVE GOT – LOOK – NOT JOKE – QUEUE – SELL – STAND – WANT

JAKE: Hello!

OSCAR: Jake. It's me, Oscar. Listen – I <sup>(1)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you from town. I <sup>(2)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ outside PhoneLand, and they <sup>(3)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the new Samsung in the shop. I seriously <sup>(4)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_!

JAKE: No! Really? Wow! What <sup>(5)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ like?

OSCAR: Really cool. And they <sup>(6)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ really fast. I mean, people <sup>(7)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ round the block to get one. Everyone <sup>(8)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ one!

JAKE: OK – I <sup>(9)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ ready right now and I <sup>(10)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ down there to meet you. I have to see this!

OSCAR: OK – and hurry up!

## PAST SIMPLE and PAST CONTINUOUS

### 3. Complete the sentences using the correct form of the past simple and past continuous.

- 1) We \_\_\_\_\_ (play) video games when my mum \_\_\_\_\_ (say), 'Turn the volume down!'
- 2) My cousin \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) his wife, Bianca, while he \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Italy.
- 3) My little sister \_\_\_\_\_ (draw) a picture while I \_\_\_\_\_ (study) for my French exam.
- 4) While they \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to fix the computer, all the lights \_\_\_\_\_ (go out).
- 5) When we \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) school yesterday, it \_\_\_\_\_ (pour) with rain.
- 6) When you \_\_\_\_\_ (see) Paul, \_\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) a black jacket?
- 7) I \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to log on when the Wi-Fi \_\_\_\_\_ (stop) working.
- 8) While Dad \_\_\_\_\_ (print) an article, the printer \_\_\_\_\_ (run out) of paper.

### 4. Complete the text using the verbs in the box. The verbs have already been conjugated but you need to put them in the correct space. There are extra verbs.

REPLIED – WAS WAKING UP – WAS LAUGHING – FELL – WAS SPEAKING – SPOKE – WAS LYING – KNEW –  
WAS SNOWING – WAS BOTHERING – SNOWED – FOUND – WAS WONDERING – WAS FINDING – WOKE UP –  
PREFERRED – DIDN'T LIKE – WASN'T LIKING – WAS LOOKING FORWARD

It was Thursday night. I was listening to music and my sister Sally <sup>(1)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in bed, unable to sleep. Something <sup>(2)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ her and I <sup>(3)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ what it was. She was nervous about Sports Day at our school. I <sup>(4)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ it because I was a good runner, but Sally <sup>(5)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ physical activity at all because she <sup>(6)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ it boring. Sally <sup>(7)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to read books or watch interesting documentaries on TV.

I <sup>(8)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ what I could say to make her feel better when Sally suddenly <sup>(9)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. *"It's really cold tonight. Maybe we'll have snow tomorrow,"* she said and <sup>(10)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ asleep.

When I <sup>(11)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the next morning, Sally was at the window and she <sup>(12)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. *"What's so funny?"* I asked. *"Look outside,"* she <sup>(13)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, and I did. It <sup>(14)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ heavily! Sports Day was cancelled!

## PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE

5. Complete the sentences using the correct form of the present perfect simple.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ (you / speak to Paul) since your argument?
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ (you / ever / be) out with Jo?
- 3) She \_\_\_\_\_ (have) the same pencil case since primary school.
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ (she / ever / work) in a shop?
- 5) I \_\_\_\_\_ (never / hear) that name before.
- 6) We \_\_\_\_\_ (know) them for ages.