Unit 1 Grammar

Present simple, present continuous, stative verbs

Present simple

Form

statement	negative	question
I/you/we/they ***play*** …	*I/you/we/they* ***do not (don't) play*** …	***Do*** *I/you/we/they* ***play*** …*?*
He/she/it ***plays*** …	*He/she/it* ***does not (doesn't) play*** …	***Does*** *he/she/it* ***play*** …*?*

Use	Example
Present habits	*Marsha* ***goes*** *to dance lessons every Saturday.*
Permanent situations	***Does*** *Dan* ***work*** *at the cinema?*
States	*I* ***like*** *the new James Bond film.*
General truths	*You* ***play*** *chess with 32 pieces.*

Watch out! The verbs *be* and *have* have irregular present forms. See page 182.

Helpful hints

The present simple is often used with the following words and phrases:

adverbs
- *always* • *usually* • *often*
- *sometimes* • *rarely* • *never*

phrases
- *every Monday/week/etc*
- *each Monday/week/etc*
- *once/twice a week/month/etc*
- *three times a week/month/etc*

Remember that these adverbs usually go before the verb, but **after** the verb *be*.
- *I* ***often*** *play football with my friends.*
- *I am* ***often*** *late for my piano lessons.*

Present continuous

Form

statement	negative	question
I am ('m) playing …	***I am not ('m not) playing*** …	***Am I playing*** …*?*
He/she/it ***is ('s) playing*** …	*He/she/it* ***is not (isn't / 's not) playing*** …	***Is*** *he/she/it* ***playing*** …*?*
You/we/they ***are ('re) playing*** …	*You/we/they* ***are not (aren't / 're not) playing*** …	***Are*** *you/we/they* ***playing*** …*?*

Use	Example
Actions happening now	*Jan* ***is watching*** *a DVD upstairs.*
Temporary situations	*She* ***is working*** *at the museum until the end of the month.*
Annoying habits (usually with *always*)	*My brother* ***is always borrowing*** *my CDs without asking!*

Helpful hints

The present continuous is often used with the following words and phrases:
- *now* • *right now* • *at the moment*
- *today* • *this week/month/etc*

Stative verbs

Form

Stative verbs do not usually describe actions. They describe states (feelings, thoughts, etc). They are not normally used in continuous tenses.

✓ *I* ***like*** *reading books in my free time.*
✗ ~~*I* ***am liking*** *reading books in my free time.*~~

Some common stative verbs:

appear	*include*	*see*
be	*know*	*seem*
believe	*like*	*taste*
belong to	*love*	*think*
hate	*need*	*understand*
have	*prefer*	*want*

Watch out! Some of these verbs (such as *be*, *have* and *think*) are used in continuous tenses when they describe actions.
✓ *What* ***do*** *you* ***think*** *about his new song?*
✓ *I'm* ***thinking*** *about last night's match.*

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A Look at the pictures of Helen and use the prompts to write sentences. Use the correct form of the present simple.

every day / get up / at half past seven

once a week / watch a film at the cinema

often / eat fast food for lunch

rarely / go to the gym

in the evening / usually / meet her friends for coffee

have a driving lesson / twice a week

1 Every day, Helen gets up at half past seven.

2 .....

.....

3 .....

.....

4 .....

.....

5 .....

.....

6 .....

.....

B Complete using the correct present continuous form of the verbs in brackets. You may have to use some negative forms.

1 Gordon? I think he ..... (**write**) a letter at the moment.
2 Yes, the match is on TV now, but we ..... (**lose**).
3 Right now, Margaret ..... (**have**) a shower. Do you want to ring later?
4 Sally ..... (**stay**) with her aunt for a few days.
5 I ..... (**lie**)! It's true! I did see Madonna at the supermarket.
6 Josh ..... (**always / use**) my bike! It's so annoying.
7 We ..... (**have**) lunch, but I can come round and help you later.
8 ..... (**you / play**) music up there? It's really noisy!

C Rewrite correctly. Change the words or phrases in bold.

1 **Are top musicians studying** for many years? .....
2 What's going on? I hope you **don't touch** my things! .....
3 It's a small business, so each person **is doing** lots of different jobs. .....
4 **Does Christine listen** to the radio, or is that the TV I can hear? .....
5 I **am usually buying** a special ticket each week for the bus because it's cheaper. .....
6 Our washing machine **is starting** when you press this button. .....
7 How's the match going? **Does our team win?** .....
8 Many people **are enjoying** spending time on the beach on holiday. .....

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D Circle the correct word or phrase.

1 I **work / am working** at the local library for the summer.
2 We **don't go / aren't going** to the theatre very often.
3 Stacy **gets / is getting** ready for school, so she can't come to the phone.
4 **Does Gary ever talk / Is Gary ever talking** about his expedition to the Amazon jungle?
5 In squash, you **hit / are hitting** a ball against a wall.
6 I **read / am reading** a newspaper at least once a week.
7 **Do you practise / Are you practising** the piano for two hours every day?
8 Nadine and Claire **do / are doing** quite well at school at the moment.
9 A good friend **knows / is knowing** when you're upset about something.
10 How **do you spell / are you spelling** your name?

E Complete using the correct present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in the box. You may have to use some negative forms.

belong • do • have • help • hold • move • use • watch

1 In Monopoly, you ..... around the board, buying houses and hotels.
2 ..... you ..... this programme or can I turn the TV off?
3 Regular exercise ..... you to stay healthy.
4 I ..... my brother's guitar until I get a new one.
5 ..... Simon always ..... the washing-up after lunch?
6 ..... you ..... any sweaters in a larger size?
7 You ..... the kite right. Let me show you.
8 Dad ..... to the local astronomy club.

F Underline ten verbs in the wrong tense and rewrite them correctly.

'One game I am loving is backgammon. You are throwing the dice and then you move your pieces around the board. It is seeming quite easy, but in fact you are needing to be quite careful. When your piece lands on one of the other person's pieces, you are taking it off the board and you send it back to the beginning. You are winning by getting all your pieces to the end and off the board. Some people are preferring chess, but I am not understanding that game. Right now, I wait to have a game with my brother. He does his homework. I usually win, so I think he doesn't want to play a game with me!'

1 .....
2 .....
3 .....
4 .....
5 .....
6 .....
7 .....
8 .....
9 .....
10 .....

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Unit 2 Grammar

Past simple, past continuous, *used to*

Past simple

Form

statement	negative	question
I/you/he/she/it/we/they ***played*** *...*	*I/you/he/she/it/we/they* ***did not (didn't) play*** *...*	***Did*** *I/you/he/she/it/we/they* ***play*** *...?*

Use	Example
Completed actions	*I **saw** the new James Bond film yesterday.*
Repeated actions in the past	*I **went** to the theatre four times last month.*
General truths about the past	*Fifty years ago, people **didn't spend** as much on entertainment as they do today.*
Main events in a story	*Josh **pushed** the door open and **looked** inside the room.*

Helpful hints

The past simple is often used with the following words and phrases:

- *yesterday*
- *last week/summer/year/etc*
- *in January/2001/etc*
- *an hour/a week/a year ago*

Watch out! Some verbs have irregular past simple forms. See page 182.

Past continuous

Form

statement	negative	question
I/he/she/it ***was playing*** *...*	*I/he/she/it* ***was not (wasn't) playing*** *...*	***Was*** *I/he/she/it* ***playing****?*
You/we/they ***were playing*** *...*	*You/we/they* ***were not (weren't) playing*** *...*	***Were*** *you/we/they* ***playing****?*

Use	Example
Actions happening at a moment in the past	*At nine o'clock last night, I **was watching** TV.*
Two actions in progress at the same time	*I **was reading** a book while you **were doing** the washing-up.*
Background information in a story	*It **was raining** so Wendy decided to go to the cinema.*

Helpful hints

The past continuous is often used with the following words and phrases:

- *at that moment*
- *at one/two/etc o'clock*
- *while*

Watch out!

- When one action in the past happens in the middle of another, we use the past simple and the past continuous together.
  ✓ *The phone **rang** while I **was watching** a DVD.*
- We do not use the past continuous for regular or repeated actions in the past.
  ✗ *~~Last year, I **was going** to the cinema every weekend.~~*

used to

Form

used to + bare infinitive

statement	negative	question
I/you/he/she/it/we/they ***used to*** *...*	*I/you/he/she/it/we/they* ***never used to*** *...*	***Did*** *I/you/he/she/it/we/they* ***use to*** *...?*
	I/you/he/she/it/we/they ***didn't use to*** *...*	

Use	Example
Distant past habits and states	*When I was four, I **used to** eat ice cream every day.*

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A Complete using the correct past simple form of the verbs in the box. You may have to use some negative forms.

come • give • go • have • know • make • send • take

1 I got to the post office just before it closed and ..... the letter.
2 We invited Stephanie to the party, but she ..... .
3 Jack lost his job because he ..... too many mistakes.
4 Everyone ..... that it was Bill's fault, but nobody said anything.
5 Karen ..... the keys from the kitchen table and ran out the door.
6 I was bored, so Mum ..... me some money to go shopping.
7 Do you remember the time we ..... to India on holiday?
8 It started raining, but luckily I ..... an umbrella in my bag.

B Look at the pictures and complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the past simple.

1 I don't want to go and see the film because I saw it last week .
2 I don't need a football because ..... .
3 I know a lot about Paris because ..... .
4 I don't need to worry about my homework because ..... .
5 I haven't got a PlayStation any more because ..... .
6 Mum is angry with me because ..... .

C Complete using the correct past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

1 Ted ..... (**play**) his guitar at half past seven.
2 At midnight, I ..... (**sleep**), but Jane ..... (**listen**) to music.
3 Luke ..... (**stand**) outside the bank when suddenly two robbers ran past him.
4 I know Doug ..... (**work**) late at the office because I saw him when I ..... (**leave**).
5 ..... you ..... (**have**) a shower when the earthquake happened?
6 Penny ..... (**run**) to catch the bus when she slipped and fell.
7 When you saw Eugene ..... he ..... (**go**) home?
8 At midnight? Erm ... we ..... (**watch**) a DVD, I think.

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D Circle the correct word or phrase.

1 When we were in Canada, we **went / were going** skiing almost every day.
2 About four years ago, I **decided / was deciding** to become a chef.
3 Georgia **had / was having** a shower when someone knocked at the door.
4 Holly and I ran from the house to the taxi because it **rained / was raining** heavily.
5 Two men **argued / were arguing** outside, so I went to see what was happening.
6 Daniel **called / was calling** you at one o'clock yesterday, but you were here with me.
7 We **ate / were eating** breakfast when a letter came through the letter box.
8 As I walked past the window, I saw that Paula **made / was making** a cake.
9 I **dreamt / was dreaming** about my favourite band when the alarm clock went off.
10 While I **practised / was practising** the trumpet late last night, a neighbour came to complain.

E Complete using the correct past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in the box.

answer • be • continue • get • go • have • open • practise • put
ring • say • shine • sing • wake

Amber's Big Match

One morning, Amber (**1**) ..... up early. The sun (**2**) ..... and the birds (**3**) ..... . Amber (**4**) ..... very excited because it was the day of the big tennis match.
Amber (**5**) ..... downstairs and into the kitchen, where her father (**6**) ..... breakfast.
'Morning, Amber. Today's the day!' he (**7**) ..... . Amber smiled nervously. 'Don't worry!' he (**8**) ..... . 'You'll be fine.'
Amber (**9**) ..... some toast into the toaster and (**10**) ..... the fridge. Just as she (**11**) ..... the butter out, the phone (**12**) ..... .
Her father (**13**) ..... it. After a few minutes, he put the phone down.
'Bad news, I'm afraid. The other player (**14**) ..... yesterday when she had an accident. The match is off.'
Amber ate her toast slowly. She was surprised she didn't feel disappointed.

F Complete using the correct form of *used to*. You may have to use some negative forms.

1 When I was younger, I ..... eat pizza almost every day!
2 ..... there ..... be a supermarket on the corner?
3 Bradley is a teacher, but he ..... want to be a train driver.
4 I ..... like eating cabbage, but now I love it!
5 ..... Rick ..... have blond hair when he was a little boy?
6 I know Lily ..... cook much, but now I think she makes dinner every day.

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Unit 3 Vocabulary

Fun and games

Topic vocabulary

see page 184 for definitions

beat (v)	concert (n)	organise (v)
board game (n phr)	defeat (v, n)	pleasure (n)
captain (n)	entertaining (adj)	referee (n)
challenge (v, n)	folk music (n phr)	rhythm (n)
champion (n)	group (n)	risk (v, n)
cheat (v)	gym (n)	score (v, n)
classical music (n phr)	have fun (v phr)	support (v, n)
club (n)	interest (v, n)	team (n)
coach (n)	member (n)	train (v)
competition (n)	opponent (n)	video game (n phr)

Phrasal verbs

carry on	continue
eat out	eat at a restaurant
give up	stop doing sth you do regularly
join in	participate, take part
send off	make a player leave a game (eg, football)
take up	start (a hobby, sport, etc)
turn down	lower the volume of
turn up	increase the volume of

Prepositional phrases

for a long time
for fun
in the middle (of)
in time (for)
on CD/DVD/video
on stage

Word formation

act	action, (in)active, actor	**hero**	heroic, heroine
athlete	athletic, athletics	**music**	musical, musician
child	children, childhood	**play**	player, playful
collect	collection, collector	**sail**	sailing, sailor
entertain	entertainment	**sing**	sang, sung, song, singer, singing

Word patterns

adjectives	bored with	*verbs*	feel like
	crazy about		listen to
	good at		take part in
	interested in	*nouns*	a book (by sb) about
	keen on		a fan of
	popular with		a game against

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Topic vocabulary

A Complete the crossword.

Across

1 If he wins this match, he'll be the world ..... ! (8)
4 I'm thinking of joining a ..... to get more exercise. (3)
5 Our basketball ..... said that I can play on Saturday! (5)
8 The ..... blew his whistle and the game started. (7)
9 Which team do you ..... ? (7)
11 Mark's band play traditional ..... music – they often perform at country fairs and festivals. (4)

Down

2 I'm sorry, but you have to be a ..... of the golf club to play here. (6)
3 My ..... was a brilliant player and I didn't manage to win the match. (8)
6 Tom is really good at cards. He would never ..... ! (5)
7 Lisa's ..... has just reached number one with their new song! (5)
10 I took a big ..... by doing the parachute jump, but I loved every second of it! (4)

B Complete using the correct form of the words and phrases in the box.

beat • challenge • have fun • interest • organise • score • train

Start your *own* sports club!

Do you dream of (**1**) ..... the winning goal in a football match, or (**2**) ..... a top tennis player? Sport (**3**) ..... most young people, and it's a great way to stay healthy and (**4**) ..... at the same time. That's why the local council has decided to help young people who want to (**5**) ..... their own sports club. We know it's a big (**6**) ..... , and that's why we'll give you the money you need to get started. We'll help you find a place to (**7**) ..... and give you money to find good players in your area. Contact the Town Hall for details.

C Circle the correct word.

1 I really like playing **board / video** games like Monopoly and Cluedo.
2 Roy was the best player, so he wasn't surprised when he became **captain / club** of the team.
3 Lots of people get **defeat / pleasure** from just watching sport from their armchairs.
4 I thought the music at the **concert / rhythm** we went to last night was great.
5 Everyone in my family supports the same **competition / team**.
6 I find **classical / entertaining** music really boring, and I prefer pop.

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Phrasal verbs

D Choose the correct answer.

1 You should take ..... a sport and then you would get more exercise.
A off B up C down

2 I'm trying to work! Could you please turn your music ..... ?
A down B in C out

3 Just ask and I'm sure the other children will let you join ..... .
A out B up C in

4 The referee sent David ..... for arguing with him.
A off B down C up

5 This is my favourite song! Turn it ..... !
A off B out C up

6 A mobile phone rang, but the musician just carried ..... playing.
A on B up C in

7 We can't afford to eat ..... very often.
A off B up C out

8 I've decided to become a vegetarian and give ..... meat.
A up B off C out

Prepositional phrases

E Write one word in each gap.

1 We were waiting outside the stadium ..... a long time before they finally let us in.
2 I've got that concert ..... DVD – it's fantastic!
3 I ran all the way home and I was just ..... time for my favourite programme.
4 Everyone clapped when the singer came ..... stage.
5 At the cinema, Mum sat on the right, Dad sat on the left and I sat ..... the middle.
6 Ed doesn't want to become a professional footballer. He just does it ..... fun.

Word formation

F Complete by changing the form of the word in capitals when this is necessary.

1 What's the name of that ..... you were singing earlier? **SING**
2 I started to learn the piano, but I don't think I've got much ..... talent, to be honest. **MUSIC**
3 My dad used to be really fit and was on his college ..... team. **ATHLETE**
4 When you were young, did you ever play in the street with other local ..... ? **CHILD**
5 Alan is studying to be an ..... , but I don't think he's enjoying it. **ACT**
6 They have a wonderful ..... of old toys at the museum in town. **COLLECT**
7 My grandad loves to ..... and we often go out on his boat. **SAIL**
8 You have to practise a lot if you want to work as a ..... **MUSIC**

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G Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.

The need to play

Why are kittens such (**1**) ..... animals? They love chasing a ball or a piece of wool, and they always play in a very (**2**) ..... way. But why? All of a kitten's (**3**) ..... when playing are, in fact, important for the future. It might look like (**4**) ..... , but the kitten is practising its hunting skills. That (**5**) ..... jump onto a toy teaches the kitten a lot. Think about your own (**6**) ..... and you'll see that you learnt a lot through play.

PLAY
ATHLETE
ACT
ENTERTAIN
HERO
CHILD

Word patterns

H Write one word in each gap.

Diana: Hello, is that Jenny? I'm bored (**1**) ..... watching TV and I felt (**2**) ..... a chat. What are you doing?

Jenny: Hi, Diana. Well, I'm reading a book (**3**) ..... a Russian writer. It's (**4**) ..... how to become a great actor.

Diana: Really? Oh, I'm really interested (**5**) ..... acting. Tell me about it.

Jenny: He says it takes a long time to get good (**6**) ..... acting. To become popular (**7**) ..... the public, you need to really understand people.

Diana: That sounds just like me! Tell me more. What else does he say?

I Each of the words in bold is wrong. Write the correct word.

1 I'm completely crazy **with** skateboarding! I love it! .....
2 In my free time I listen **on** music on CD or on the radio. .....
3 Elsa isn't very keen **for** this group, but they're one of my favourites. .....
4 Next week we've got a game **to** a team from Hungary. .....
5 Is that Kylie? Oh, I'm a really big fan **from** hers. .....
6 I was really scared when I took part **to** the singing competition last year. .....

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Review 1

A Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.

Collecting records

These days, most of us have a CD (**1**) ..... . Before the CD,	**COLLECT**
(**2**) ..... made LPs, or 'long-playing' records. Although many	**SING**
(**3**) ..... have never seen an LP, they were once very popular.	**CHILD**
To play these records, you needed a record (**4**) ..... with a	**PLAY**
needle that ran along the record and produced the sound. Some	
(**5**) ..... say the sound of LPs was better than CDs – and	**MUSIC**
many (**6**) ..... agree! LPs are no longer very popular as a	**COLLECT**
form of (**7**) ..... , but many people buy and sell them. Some	**ENTERTAIN**
of them remember the LP from their (**8**) ..... and listening to	**CHILD**
records reminds them of the past.	

(1 mark per answer)

B Complete using the correct form of the verbs in the box. You have to use one word twice.

carry • eat • give • join • send • take • turn

9 Now, everyone knows this song, so I want you all to ..... in with me!
10 It's so noisy in this restaurant. Could you ask them to ..... the music down?
11 There was a fight during the match and the referee ..... two players off.
12 We ..... out about once a week and we cook at home the rest of the time.
13 I love this song! ..... it up!
14 I used to play the trumpet, but I ..... up last year because I didn't have time.
15 We stopped playing because of the rain, but when it stopped we ..... on.
16 A good way of getting more exercise is to ..... up a sport, like basketball.

(1 mark per answer)

C Complete each second sentence using the word given, so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Write between two and five words.

17 Jack really likes football and never misses a match. **crazy**
Jack ..... football and never misses a match.
18 My uncle worked on a sailing boat until he was thirty. **was**
My uncle ..... until he was thirty.
19 Do you want to watch TV? **feel**
Do you ..... TV?
20 John participated in a swimming competition last week. **part**
John ..... in a swimming competition last week.

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21 June and I had a game of tennis. **against**
I had ..... June.

22 I played chess almost every day when I was young. **used**
I ..... chess almost every day when I was young.

23 Volleyball doesn't really interest me. **in**
I'm not ..... volleyball.

24 I enjoyed myself at your birthday party. **fun**
I ..... at your birthday party.

25 Young children like Disneyland. **popular**
Disneyland ..... young children.

26 Karen doesn't like watching sport on TV. **keen**
Karen ..... watching sport on TV.

(2 marks per answer)

D Choose the correct answer.

27 When you rang, I ..... my bike.
A cleaned C used to clean
B was cleaning D clean

28 At my last basketball club, we ..... every Saturday for three hours.
A were training C train
B training D used to train

29 I really ..... the meal we had at your house last Tuesday.
A was liking C like
B liked D am liking

30 We ..... to the beach every day when we were on holiday.
A went C go
B were going D used to going

31 I broke my leg when Tony and I ..... for the school sports day.
A practised C were practising
B used to practise D are practising

32 Leon never ..... about it, but he was once a world champion skier.
A talks C was talking
B is talking D talk

33 I ..... like golf, but now I really like it.
A don't use to C didn't used to
B don't used to D didn't use to

34 Denise ..... at the stadium until she finds a better job.
A works C used to work
B is working D was working

(1 mark per answer)

E Match the two halves of the sentences.

35 I waited outside the tennis club for ..... A fun, and I don't want to do it as a job.
36 When you rang, I was in ..... B stage, with all the audience clapping.
37 We finally got to the stadium just in ..... C time to see the match start.
38 I just play football for ..... D a long time, but George didn't appear.
39 I loved that film and when it comes out ..... E on DVD, I'll definitely get it.
40 It's great to appear on ..... F the middle of cleaning my football boots.

(1 mark per answer)

Total mark: ...../50

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