



Present simple – affirmative and negative; Present simple – Yes/No questions and short answers; wh-questions; Adverbs of frequency

1 Complete this paragraph with the present simple form of the verbs given.

In my free time I (1) (play) in a band with a group of friends, Leo and Sarah. We (2) (write) our own songs. I (3) (listen) to music a lot – rock, pop, and sometimes the blues. I haven't got the time for other things, like sport or computer games. And I (4) (not watch) a lot of TV because my parents (5) (say) it's bad for me. Sarah (6) (do) a lot of art, and she (7) (draw) and (8) (paint) pictures of people. She's amazing! I (9) (not know) where she (10) (find) the time to do these things. Leo is like me. He (11) (not go) out a lot and at the weekend he just (12) (relax) at home.

2 Write questions and complete the answers.

- '..... books in English (you/read)?' 'No, we
- '..... a lot (your baby brother/cry)?' 'Yes, he
- '..... every day (Jessica/do her homework)?' 'Yes, she
- '..... in class (your friends/use their smartphones)?' 'No, they
- '..... flowers for your grandmother (you/buy)?' 'Yes, I

3 Put the words in the correct order to make questions.

- does/do/What/a 'computer game tester'/?
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- does/Why/a musician/need/the Internet/?
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- Where/she/does/write/her book reviews/?
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- a video game/How much/to test/do they pay you/?
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- she/her hobby/does/When/do/?
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- How many/you/do/languages/speak/?
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4 Circle the correct alternative.

- I love reading novels, but I sometimes/never write myself – it's too difficult.
- We always/sometimes watch TV at lunchtime and dinnertime – it's like a member of the family.
- She doesn't often/sometimes send text messages – she prefers talking on the phone.
- My parents don't carry cash with them – they usually/never pay by credit card.
- TV is interesting and fun, but it always/sometimes has a negative influence on people.
- TV adverts never/often show a perfect world.

5 Circle the correct alternative.

(1) Parents read/Do parents read stories to their children? New surveys show that the brains of children (2) works/work better when parents read to them. Watching stories on TV (3) always/never has the same effect. (4) What/Who is the difference between books and films? When there are no pictures, the child (5) imagines/doesn't imagine the action, the places and the people. When (6) do parents read/parents read to them, children learn new words. Experts also say that when children (7) hears/hear new words from a TV programme, they (8) forget often/often forget them. But if they hear them from their parents they (9) usually/don't often remember them better, because if children (10) don't understand/understand the new words, their parents can explain their meaning to them.