

PRE-INTERMEDIATE UNIT 2

2.1 present simple and continuous

1 Put the words in the correct order to make a conversation.

A: Sam / working / at / the moment / not / is

B: looking / job / a / for / he / is?

A: find / to / in / trying / is / he / work / travel industry / the / yes,

B: speaks / languages / three / he

A: likes / with / dealing / he / people / difficult

B: he / does / well / work / under pressure?

A: great / deadlines / isn't / he / with

B: colleagues / his / do / well / get on / him / with?

A: popular / is / he / very / a / his / member / of / team / yes,

B: looking / am / I / for / assistant / him / ask / so / call / me / to / an

2 Underline the correct alternative.

- 1 We *are hiring/hire* new people at the moment.
- 2 The employees *are choosing/choose* their own work hours.
- 3 We *are having/have* great relationships with our customers.
- 4 We *are expanding/expand* into different cities.
- 5 Many companies *are offering/offer* low salaries.
- 6 The employees *are working/work* from home on Fridays.
- 7 *Does the boss get on/Is the boss getting on* with her staff right now?
- 8 We *'re taking/We take* our final exams at the moment.

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

Sam ¹ _____ (look for) his first job. He ² _____ (buy) the paper every day, ³ _____ (look for) jobs and ⁴ _____ (write) to everyone he can think of. He generally ⁵ _____ (do) well at interview because he ⁶ _____ (be) quite confident and friendly and ⁷ _____ (get on) well with people, but he ⁸ _____ (find) it difficult to get an interview at all. He ⁹ _____ (want) to work in travel because he ¹⁰ _____ (like) change and variety and he ¹¹ _____ (not want) a desk job.



2.2 adverbs of frequency

1 Match the words with the percentages.

1 rarely	a) 100%
2 usually	b) 0%
3 never	c) 50%
4 always	d) 80%
5 sometimes	e) 10%

2 Choose the correct sentence in each pair.

- 1 a) We never go to the theatre.
b) Never we go to the theatre.
- 2 a) I am late for usually school.
b) I am usually late for school.
- 3 a) They call me late at night always.
b) They always call me late at night.
- 4 a) She rarely eats red meat.
b) She eats rarely red meat.
- 5 a) He never has problems with customers.
b) He has problems with customers never.

2.3 expressing likes/dislikes

1 Complete the table with the words in the box.

absolutely love can't stand don't like
don't mind hate keen on like love
not very keen on

Positive
Neutral
Negative

2 Put the conversation in the correct order.

- a) Hi, Bella. How are things? **1**
- b) Wow! Congratulations! I like fashion too, but I'm not keen on the long working hours.
- c) Yes, let's.
- d) It is. It's in the fashion industry, and I absolutely love fashion.
- e) Great actually. I've got a new job.
- f) Yes, I'm not keen on sitting at a desk all day either. Let's go out and celebrate!
- g) Really? That sounds exciting!
- h) Thanks! I don't mind doing the long hours for a job I love. I can't stand office jobs.



Consolidation

1 Choose the correct answer, a), b) or c).

Jon hates his job. He **1** in a busy office in the city centre. The problem is he **2** indoors and he **3** stand being in the city. He loves **4** outside. He **5** for long walks every day in the parks and **6** if it's cold and raining. His friends **7** he should get a new job, but he **8** ever has any time to look. Today he is on holiday and he **9** at job advertisements. He **10** he would like to work on a farm or maybe in the travel industry.

- 1** a) works
b) is working
c) worked
- 2** a) doesn't like work
b) doesn't like working
c) isn't like working
- 3** a) isn't
b) doesn't
c) can't
- 4** a) be
b) being
c) been
- 5** a) is going
b) went
c) goes
- 6** a) doesn't mind
b) not minds
c) isn't minding
- 7** a) tell often him
b) often tell him
c) often telling him
- 8** a) almost
b) hard
c) hardly
- 9** a) looks
b) is looking
c) looks
- 10** a) sometimes thinks
b) sometimes is thinking
c) sometimes

