

Vocabulary 1 Before you read

Are you planning a party? Do you want some advice? Read the comments from a website. Think of one more idea to add to the list.

How do you throw a great party?



Hold your party at the weekend, so no one has to worry about school the next day. *Mark*



Have a **sleepover**! Partying in pyjamas is so much fun! *Kate*



When planning your party, **consider** everything – from food and drinks to whether you'd like to **hire** a hall or not. *Jody*



You can have a great party serving **typical** party food, like hot dogs or pizza, **rather than** fancy food that costs a lot. *Maria*



Make sure you choose a theme for your **celebration** that will **appeal** to all of your guests. *Adam*



Take good care of your guests. It's your **responsibility** to make sure nobody feels left out. *Sue*



Don't **focus** on the details. Ask your friends and **relatives** to help you. Remember, you're **supposed to** have fun! *Theo*



Which tip do you think is the best? Why?



Reading

Task 1

You are going to read an article in which three teens talk about birthday celebrations. Read what each one says and answer the questions below.

- Soon after Holly turns 16, she will probably
 - get a driving licence.
 - go to Japan.
 - get a part-time job.
- Lynn has chosen to have a sleepover rather than a tea party because
 - having tea parties is too common.
 - only young kids enjoy tea parties.
 - sleepover parties are popular nowadays.
- In Text B (*line 29*), the word **that** refers to
 - having the right to vote.
 - getting a part-time job.
 - learning about politics.
- How does Ming feel about Western-style parties?
 - He thinks they're interesting.
 - He is getting used to them.
 - He doesn't really like them.
- In Text C (*line 40*), the phrase **is supposed to** most closely means
 - is able to.
 - is trying to.
 - is meant to.



Task 2

For questions 1-8, choose from the people (A-C).

Which person ...

- | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| says people in their country are beginning to celebrate birthdays differently? | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| is going to learn something at their celebration? | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| is considering more than one career? | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| wants to do something more typical for their birthday this year? | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| will help pay for their celebration? | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| says it is important to hold birthday celebrations at the right time? | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| is looking forward to getting around independently? | 7 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| is sorry that there is something they will still be unable to do? | 8 <input type="checkbox"/> |



Three teens talk about birthday celebrations in their countries

Happy Birthday!

A HOLLY Chicago, USA

My mother always likes to go to our cabin near Lake Michigan for family birthdays. But this year I'm turning 16 and I want to do what other girls my age are doing. I want to throw a big Sweet Sixteen Party! Friends advised me to organize everything ahead of time so I've hired a hall, a DJ and a photographer, and we'll have some ice cream, a big cake and a chocolate fountain. As you can imagine, this event will be pretty expensive but I've had a part-time job for a couple of years, so I can share the costs with my parents. What's more, I've asked my grandparents and other relatives for money rather than presents because I'm saving up for a car. I can get my driving licence this year so I will no longer need to rely on other people for rides. I'm excited to have the freedom to go places on my own and meet friends after school. I know that driving is a big responsibility, but I'm ready for that. I love travelling, which is why in the future I'd like to go somewhere where life is really different – Africa, maybe, or Japan. I want to get out and see the world!

B LYNN Talgarth, Wales

Here in Wales, it's typical to have a tea party after school for your birthday. But as I'm almost 15, I feel I'm getting too old for that sort of thing. Instead, I'm having a sleepover with my best friends. There'll be 10 of us in all, so we are going to take over the house and have a make-up artist come around to give us some expert advice!

Next year, I'll be 16, which means I'll be able to get a part-time job. My best friend works as a waiter in a coffee shop after school, and he says that from the tips he receives, he's able to buy clothes and go to the cinema. I may look for a part-time job too after my birthday. Unlike my friends, I'm into politics and in my opinion, 16-year-olds should be allowed to vote. But that is the next milestone in my life, I guess. I hope to become a politician one day but I know that it's hard to make a career out of it, so if plan A fails, my plan B is to be a writer.

line 29



Chinese sign for long life



C MING Nantong, China

Birthdays in China aren't considered anything special. We don't usually make a big deal of birthdays at all, except for young children and very old people. Western-style parties are becoming quite popular but they don't really appeal to me. What interests me more are our birthday customs. One of the ones I like is eating a really long noodle – it's so long that it fills a whole bowl! It's supposed to symbolize a long life and you have to eat it all in one go, without breaking it. I'm going to do that on the exact day of my birthday, and not a day later because in China, celebrating your birthday after the day is bad luck! My personal birthday wish is to become more independent because I don't want to keep relying on my parents for everything. Right now I need to focus on my studies – I want to be an app developer in the future.

line 40



Reading closely Choose one of the birthday celebrations. Compare it to birthday celebrations in your country.

Happy Birthday

Vocabulary 2 After you read

1 EXPRESSIONS Match the comments (1-5) to the replies (a-e). Underline the words in the comments that helped you.

- You must be excited about your party tomorrow.
- Will your parents let you come to the sleepover?
- Can you blow out all the candles at the same time?
- Turning 13 is seen as a reason for a special celebration in some countries.
- Are you planning to have a huge celebration for your birthday like Max did?

- a. No, I don't think I'll be allowed to go.
 b. Well, I'll try and do it in one go.
 **1** c. Yes, I'm looking forward to it.
 d. No, I don't want to make a big deal of it.
 e. I know. It's considered an important age here too.

2 Circle the correct answer. Then tick (✓) the sentences that are true for you.

- To celebrate my birthday, my friends usually come around / get around to my house.
- I can take over / rely on my friends – they always help me when I need them.
- I had a part-time / an expert job last summer.
- I like to organize / advise parties for other people.
- I want to save up / celebrate for a new phone.
- I am getting my driving licence / ride soon.
- I always celebrate on the personal / exact date of my birthday.
- I'd like to have a custom / career that involves working with lots of different people.

3 Complete the Pinterest pin. Use the words below.
 interest • event • pretty • are into • receive
 turning • independently

MAKE YOUR OWN INVITATION

Having a party or a special (1)? How do you plan to invite your guests? By phone? Or maybe you (2) sending invitations online? Not me. I like to do things (3), so that includes designing my own invitations. Sound difficult? It's not! It's (4) easy and lots of fun!

If you want to try making your own invitations, here are some tips:

- Add things! For example, if you're (5), 16, you can stick real sweets onto your Sweet Sixteen invitation.
- Remember to include all the information that will (6) your guests, such as the time and the place of the party.
- And if you want to (7) a reply to your invitation, add the letters RSVP (French for *Please Reply*).

Grammar Present Simple & Present Continuous; Stative verbs

Present Simple

- regular actions
We always **go** on a family picnic for my birthday.
- facts
It **doesn't** often **snow** in this area.
- future timetables
What time **does** her train **arrive**?

Time expressions: always, often, usually, sometimes, rarely, hardly ever, never, every day, once / twice a month, once in a while

Present Continuous

- actions that are happening at the moment
Alex **is lighting** the candles on the cake **right now**.
- actions that are happening now, but not necessarily at the time of speaking
Teens **are using** social media **more and more**.
- plans and arrangements in the future
We're **meeting** our friends at the restaurant **this evening**.

Time expressions: now, right now, at the moment, today, at present, tonight, this week, these days, next week, later

Stative verbs are not often used in the continuous form.

Some common stative verbs are: *believe, belong, cost, have, hear, imagine, like, look, mind, need, own, prefer, see, seem, smell, taste, think, understand, want, weigh.*

Some stative verbs like *think, see, look* and *have* can be used in Present Continuous, but this changes their meaning.

I'm seeing the doctor **this afternoon**. (*meeting*)

I'm thinking of buying a new bike. (*considering*)

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1 Complete what some people said at a party. Use Present Simple or Present Continuous.

1 DJ put on / seem

OK, kids, I am putting on everyone's favourite song now, and it that you are ready to party. So let's dance!

2 Guest look / mind

Wow! The place great! you if we take some pictures and post them on Instagram?

3 Photographer take / want

Listen, everybody! I a group picture outside in a few minutes, so I all of you to go out there now, please.

4 Parent enjoy / have

I'm glad the kids themselves; it looks like everyone a good time.



Say cheese!

2 Complete the sentences. Use the verb given, Present Simple or Present Continuous, positive or negative.

1. "What **are** you **getting** your dad for his birthday this year?"
"He's into technology so I usually **get** him a new gadget." **get**
2. I _____ of buying a new phone. _____ you
I should get the latest model? **think**
3. My brother _____ the biscuits now. He says they _____
pretty good. **taste**
4. We _____ usually _____ to restaurants, but we _____
Saturday night to celebrate my birthday. **go**

Hey, Kitty!
Don't you dare
spoil my party!



3 Complete the text about celebrating pets' birthdays. Use the verb given, Present Simple or Present Continuous.



Party Animals!

EVENT PLANNER CHARITY PET SHELTERS ABOUT US

Do you like to party? Guess who else enjoys a good party. Read and find out.

buy • organize • ~~have~~ • become • join
celebrate • try • come • enjoy

Are you a party animal? If you are, you probably love parties and often go to lots of them. Believe it or not, people are not the only ones who (1) **have** parties. Animals do too! According to one survey, 75% of dog owners throw birthday parties for their dogs, and 64% even (2) _____ their pet an expensive gift. Owners often (3) _____ pool parties or dog park parties.

Today, zoos (4) _____ the party trend. For example, at the National Zoo in Washington DC, the panda Bao Bao often (5) _____ her birthday with visitors. This trend (6) _____ more and more popular, giving a whole new meaning to the expression *party animal*!



Events in Zoos

Bao Bao the panda
(7) _____ her
frozen fruit birthday cake.



Pet's Birthday

My pet is a Patagonian Mara, and it (8) _____ from Argentina. Look at how he (9) _____ to open his birthday present. Aww ...



Personalized Online Greeting Cards

Create your own personalized picture postcards and send them to your friends and family. It's free!



Brain workouts are fun to do. Can you spot six mistakes in the alphabet list?

AAAA BBB CCC DDDD EEEE FFFF GGCG HHHH IIII
JJJJ KKKK LLIL MMMM NNNN OOOO PPRP QQQO
RRRR SSSS TTTT UUUU VVVV WWW XXXX YYYY ZZZZ

To do this task, your eyes and brain need to work as a team.



1 ADJECTIVES Complete the reviews for birthday presents. Use the pairs of words given.

Gifts 'n' gadgets



DribbleUp Smart Basketball

★★★★★ RICKY BROWN

competitive / talented

This gift is great for ¹ competitive players who want to be better at basketball. I'm not such a ² talented person but I still love it!



Breakfast Master

★★★★★ SIMONE RICHARDS

original / efficient

Making breakfast at 6.30 am can be fun! This ⁵ gift is both easy to use and very ⁶ !



Underwater Video Camera

★★★★★ STEVE BLAKE

rare / incredible

With this ⁹ present that I got for my birthday, I can record ¹⁰ moments while I'm diving and post them for my friends to see.



Sound Asleep Pillow

★★★★★ JULES BAKER

stressful / relaxing

School is ³ this year and I'm having a bit of trouble falling asleep. But bedtime is so much more ⁴ since I received this gift!



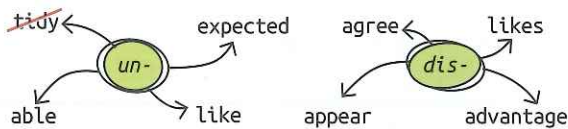
Sudoku Cube

★★★★★ DAVE EDWARDS

challenging / terrific

I just love puzzles because they are ⁷ This one is a bit difficult, but it's a ⁸ way to get your brain working.

2 NEGATIVE PREFIXES: *un-* / *dis-* When we add *un-* or *dis-* to a word, it becomes opposite in meaning. Form words and then complete the sentences.



- Mum hates it when my bedroom is untidy.
- My parents think I don't study enough but I with them.
- The first magic trick I learnt was how to make a coin
- One of living in Britain is that it rains a lot.
- In class today, we discussed our likes and about school.
- most of my friends, I don't really enjoy going to parties.
- The visit from Ben was he didn't tell us he was coming.
- We're to keep a dog in our apartment because it's too small.



Which of the birthday presents should a group of teens buy their friend Joe? What could be their second choice? (Hint: Joe is athletic and adventurous.)

3 EXPRESSIONS: *make* / *do*

Fortune cookies are often served in Chinese restaurants. Each cookie has a message inside.

Complete the messages below. Use *make* or *do*.

- Work hard and do your best and you will succeed.
- Remember to exercise every day. It will you good, so don't excuses.
- You're going to an important decision about your future soon.
- People who an effort and work hard are the ones who learn.
- Some people friends using social media, but they mustn't forget their friends IRL (In Real Life).
- You will always a good impression if you smile!
- someone a favour every day. Even a small favour can a difference in someone's life.
- When people suggestions, listen to them and consider what they say.

Don't worry. Be happy!

Listening  Festivals

1 Look at the pictures of three celebrations. Which one would you like to take part in?

LA TOMATINA

A huge tomato fight (Spain)


A bit messy! But actually it's fun bathing in tomato juice :-)

HOLI


Festival of colours (India)

HALLOWEEN

Trick or treat? (USA, Canada and Scotland)

2  Listen to a student talk about the celebrations in Exercise 1. Complete the sentences. Write one word in each gap.

- La Tomatina is a festival that is held every in a Spanish town.
- At the end of the festival, fire trucks come to clean the
- La Tomatina began because of a that took place in the town in 1945.
- The Holi Festival is celebrated in Pakistan, Nepal and
- The Holi Festival is a celebration of the end of
- At Halloween, many kids ask for from their neighbours.
- In Scotland, young people look into a on Halloween at midnight.
- They believe they might see the person they will one day.

3  FOCUS ON LANGUAGE These words sound the same but have different meanings and spellings. Do you know what they mean? Listen and circle the word you hear.

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|------------------|------------------|
| 1. would / wood | 4. wait / weight |
| 2. where / wear | 5. meat / meet |
| 3. there / their | |

4 COLLOCATIONS: verb + noun Complete the sentences. Use the verbs below.

accept • announce • get • have • hold • keep

- When are they are going to the winner of the prize?
- The twins don't a lot in common with each other. They are completely different.
- I wasn't able to hold of Jessie today. Maybe her phone isn't working.
- My best friend is moving to Paris but I know we'll in touch with each other.
- Our school is going to a competition for the best short story soon.
- I'm happy to your invitation to the party.

5 Read about some New Year's traditions. Decide which answer, A, B or C, best fits each gap.

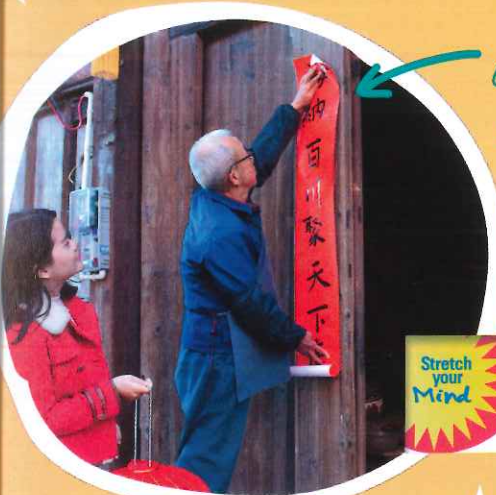
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Denmark On December 31, families have an unusual (1) For good luck, they take all their unused dishes and break them against their friends' doors.

Puerto Rico Just before New Year's, people make (2) to clean their houses well because they (3) a clean house a sign of good luck. Then they spend New Year's Eve celebrating with friends and (4)

China People (5) their front doors with red banners as a sign of good fortune and happiness. They look (6) to the New Year celebration because it goes on for 23 days! Now that's fun!

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| 1. A custom | B career | C responsibility |
| 2. A a favour | B an effort | C an excuse |
| 3. A advise | B consider | C allow |
| 4. A relatives | B invitations | C events |
| 5. A organize | B decorate | C expect |
| 6. A ahead | B along | C forward |



Chinese banner for good fortune and happiness

Stretch your Mind

What do you do in your country for the New Year?

Speaking Planning a party

1 How do you and your friends celebrate birthdays?



We can answer questions in different ways:

- Yes / No (+ a short phrase)

Do you and your friends celebrate your name day? *Yes, we do.*

Are you planning to throw a big party? *No, I'm not.*

Do you usually have dancing at your parties? *Yes, we love to dance.*

When we're not sure, we can answer with phrases like:

- *It depends. I'm not sure. Not really. I think so. I don't think so.*

We can also add extra information.

Do you usually have a DJ at your parties? *It depends how many people are coming.*



2 Read the following questions about planning a party and tick (✓) the answers that are right for you. Then listen to the conversation and tick Ben's answers.

- | | You | Ben |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Do you want to do something special for your birthday this year? | | |
| a. I think so. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. I don't think so. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Do you enjoy going out to fancy restaurants? | | |
| a. Yes, I do. Going to a fancy restaurant makes me feel special! | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. No, not really. Pizza and hamburgers are way better. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Do you like spending time outdoors? | | |
| a. Yes, I usually love being outdoors, but not for my birthday. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. No, I prefer being indoors. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Do you enjoy bowling or doing other activities indoors? | | |
| a. No, I hardly ever go bowling. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. I don't mind bowling, but I prefer dancing. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Do you usually go out with a large crowd of friends? | | |
| a. Yes, I do. It's more fun that way. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. No, not usually. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3a Look at the ideas for birthday celebrations below. Which one do you think would suit Ben?

- | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> a sleepover | <input type="checkbox"/> go-carting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a day out in an amusement park | <input type="checkbox"/> going out to a nice restaurant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> bowling | <input type="checkbox"/> a disco / dance party at home or in a hired hall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ice skating or roller skating | <input type="checkbox"/> a party at the beach |
| <input type="checkbox"/> going to a climbing wall centre | |

3b Now listen to Ben's choice. Was it the same as yours?

4 YOUR TASK With a partner, ask and answer the questions in Exercise 2. Then decide what kind of celebration would be best for each of you. Choose from the ideas in Exercise 3a or think of your own ideas.

5 DISCUSSION Discuss the questions below.

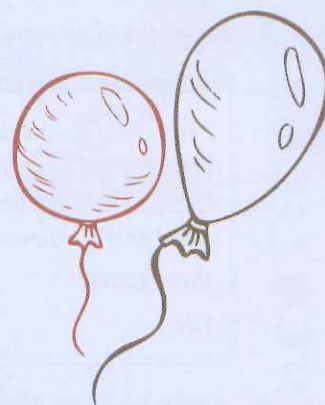
- How do you and your friends usually celebrate your birthdays?
- What is the most special gift you've ever received? What made it special?
- Do you remember a time when your birthday plans didn't work out? What happened? Did you have a Plan B?



dance



Work with a Model



1 Alex received the email below from his friend Jean. Read the email. Then answer the questions that follow.

Dear Alex,
 My friend Sam is returning home after living abroad for a year and I want to organize a homecoming celebration for him. We should probably have it indoors as it's pretty cold right now! I know you go to a lot of parties so maybe you can help me plan something special. Do you have any ideas?
 Thanks for your help!
 Jean

1. What does Jean need help with?
2. What does she want Alex to do?

2 Read Alex's reply to Jean and complete the plan. Use the words below.

reasons • suggestions • prefer • received

Plan	Model
Greeting	Hi Jean,
Par 1 Mention the email you <u>received</u> .	Good to hear from you! First of all, it's a great idea to have a celebration for Sam. And it's true that I go to a lot of parties, so you've come to the right person for advice!
Par 2 Make three for a special celebration.	How about a bowling party? That's a pretty popular activity. Just make sure that all the guests like it. Or what about having a party for Sam at your house? You could invite all his friends and organize some fun games. If you don't want to take on too much, another idea could be to go out to a nice restaurant.
Par 3 Say which suggestion you and give your	Personally, I prefer the restaurant idea. It's the easiest to organize and most people enjoy going out to eat. It's really up to you in the end, though. I'm sure it'll be great whatever you decide to do. Let me know how it goes!
Signing off	Yours, Alex

Tip **Informal language**
 Use informal language to give your letter a friendly style and tone.

3 **INFORMAL LANGUAGE** You can improve your email by using informal phrases and expressions. How does Alex say the following things? Complete the phrases.

- | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. I was happy to receive your letter. (Par 1)
Good | 4. My choice would be ... (Par 3)
Personally, |
| 2. I'm sure I can help you. (Par 1)
you've | 5. It's your choice. (Par 3)
It's really |
| 3. You should check that ... (Par 2)
Just that ... | 6. Tell me what happens. (Par 3)
Let |

4 **MAKING SUGGESTIONS** There are phrases you can use to make suggestions. Find four phrases Alex uses to introduce his ideas in Paragraph 2.

1. How about 2. 3. 4.

Prepare to Write

5 Read part of an email from your friend Lily.

I know you like having parties so I'm hoping you can help me. My friend Angie is turning 16 and I want to organize a surprise party. Can you help me with some ideas? Something outdoors would be good as the weather's great right now. Any suggestions?

Write soon,
Lily



6 BRAINSTORMING IDEAS Look at the suggestions below and tick (✓) the options you can use in your email to Lily. You can add ideas of your own.

- | | |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> a barbecue in the park | <input type="radio"/> a hike and a picnic |
| <input type="radio"/> a big party in a hired hall | <input type="radio"/> a garden party |
| <input type="radio"/> a sleepover | <input type="radio"/> beach party |
| <input type="radio"/> your idea: | |

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7 MAKING SUGGESTIONS Complete the sentences below. Use suggestions from Exercise 6.

- One idea is to have a beach party. Everyone loves fun in the sun and sand.
- Another idea could be What's tastier than burgers and hot dogs?
- How about? It's fun to party in pyjamas!

8 GIVING REASONS It's helpful to give reasons for your suggestions. Complete the sentences below with reasons. For number 3, give your own suggestion for a party and a good reason.

- Maybe you could organize a hike and a picnic because it's something different.
- What about a garden party? It
- Why don't you

Your Task

9 Read the email in Exercise 5 again and write your reply to Lily. Use Exercises 6, 7 and 8 and the plan below to help you.

Plan	Informal Email
Greeting	Hi ... , / Dear ... ,
Par 1 Refer to the email received.	Good / Great to hear from you! You've come to the right person for advice!
Par 2 Make 2-3 suggestions.	One idea is ... How / What about ... Why don't you ... ?
Par 3 Say which suggestion you prefer and give your reasons. End in a friendly way.	Personally, I prefer ... (because) ... Let me know how it goes! Hope this helps. Keep in touch!
Signing off	Yours, Write soon!

SWEET



If Plan A fails, go to Plan B →



Vocabulary Words from the Reading

1 Choose the correct answer.

1. A lot of people parties in June when the weather is good.
 - a. receive
 - b. advise
 - c. throw
2. I'm not to have a noisy dance party at home.
 - a. allowed
 - b. interested
 - c. considered
3. No one in my class makes a big of their birthday.
 - a. career
 - b. meal
 - c. deal
4. Monica wants a special gift when she 16.
 - a. appeals
 - b. turns
 - c. holds
5. I am to visiting my grandparents.
 - a. looking forward
 - b. saving up
 - c. supposed
6. I'd like to go to the cinema than stay at home.
 - a. rather
 - b. pretty
 - c. really
7. You can me to get the job done.
 - a. take over
 - b. get around
 - c. rely on
8. I like to read what say about the new fashion trends.
 - a. relatives
 - b. experts
 - c. custom
9. See if you can blow out all the candles in one
 - a. time
 - b. ride
 - c. go
10. We have to the room for the party.
 - a. organize
 - b. celebrate
 - c. focus

2 Read the blog about special events. Complete the text. Use the words given.

www.specialevents.com

Special Events

We asked you about parties and here are some of your replies.



Elaine, UK

celebrations • around • typical • sleepover

I go to a lot of birthday (1) and they are all pretty much the same. At a (2) party, there are always a few friends who come (3) to celebrate, and the birthday boy or girl usually gets gifts and a cake. But the best is when we have a (4) and spend all night watching films or chatting.



Max, New Zealand

personal • responsibility • exact • consider • part-time

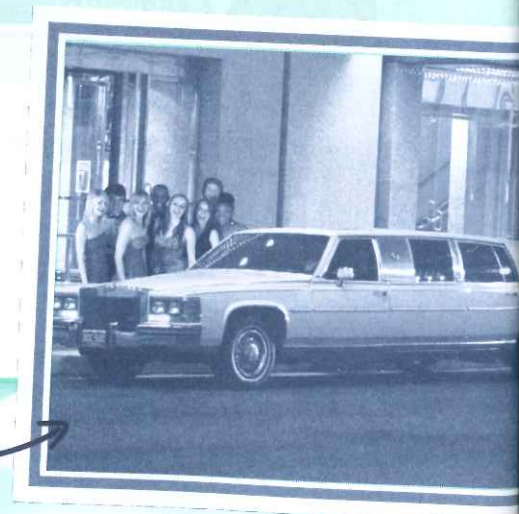
There are lots of things to (5) when you throw a party. You need to think about what kind of event it is and where it is taking place. I have a (6) job as a party planner, and it's my (7) to make sure everything is perfect. Sometimes my own (8) ideas are different from the customers', but they are the ones who decide on the (9) details.



Brad, USA

are into • independently • event • licence • hire

In the USA, school prom is considered to be a very special (10) for students finishing high school. Kids who (11) dancing especially love this event. Some students (12) a car and driver to take them to the party, while other students get to the prom (13) by driving their own cars. I haven't got a driving (14) yet but I hope to have it by prom night.



We all fit into this limo!

Grammar Present Simple and Present Continuous; Stative Verbs



1 Circle the correct the answer.

1. That's a really big cake. How much **does it weigh** / is it weighing?
2. Look at them! **They're having** / **They have** a great time at the party.
3. We hardly **never** / **ever** go to restaurants.
4. How often **do you get** / **are your getting** party invitations?
5. We have a big family meal **once** / **one** a month.
6. What present **are you thinking** / **do you think** of buying for Jackie?
7. I **need** / **am needing** to do my homework, but right now I'm watching TV.
8. I **am not** / **do not** belong to any clubs at the moment.

2 Complete the dialogue. Use Present Simple or Present Continuous.

Oliver: Hi, Kate. Come in!

Kate: It (1) (sound) like you're busy. I can hear dance music.
(2) (you / celebrate) something?

Oliver: Yes! My brother (3) (have) a party. It's his birthday. He'll be happy to see you!

Kate: Thanks. Hey, something (4) (smell) nice. What is it?

Oliver: My dad (5) (make) lasagna. He (6) (hardly ever / cook) but it's my brother's favourite. (7) (you / want) to stay for dinner?

Kate: I'd love to but I really came to see if you'd like to go to the cinema. Sandra and I
(8) (go) later.

Oliver: What time (9) (the film / start)?

Kate: At seven o'clock. My mum (10) (give) us a ride to the cinema.

Oliver: OK, but we've still got lots of time. Come and celebrate with us for a while.

3 Write sentences or questions. Use the words given. Use Present Simple or Present Continuous.

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| <p>1. a. What / you / study / this year?
.....</p> <p>b. Who / you / usually / study with / before a test?
.....</p> | <p>4. a. Sue / meet / her friends / at the mall / this evening.
.....</p> <p>b. She / meet / them / at the mall / once a week.
.....</p> |
| <p>2. a. Ben / not work / this Saturday.
.....</p> <p>b. He / not often work / at the weekend.
.....</p> | <p>5. a. What kind of dress / Helen / look for?
.....</p> <p>b. She / look / good / in that red dress.
.....</p> |
| <p>3. a. I / not play tennis / in the winter.
.....</p> <p>b. I / not play tennis / this week.
.....</p> | |

4 Complete the text. Use the Present Simple or Present Continuous.

Hi Sarah,

I'm in Buñol, Spain at the La Tomatina festival. It's great! The festival (1) (take place) every August and the celebrations go on for a week. Every day, there are dances, fireworks, concerts and other events. Today, there is a cooking competition. They (2) (prepare) a popular Spanish dish called paella. I love paella!

But the best day of the festival is tomorrow. The day (3) (begin) at 11 am. Every year, trucks bring tomatoes to the centre of the city and everyone (4) (throw) them at each other!

Right now people (5) (get) ready for the big day. Shopkeepers (6) (cover) their shop windows because they sometimes (7) (break) when tomatoes hit them. In the cafés, everyone (8) (talk) about the festival and how exciting it is. I'll tell you all about it tomorrow evening.

Beth



5 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use between two and five words, including the word given.

- Nathan rarely takes part in competitive sports. **HARDLY**
Nathan in competitive sports.
- My idea is to have a party on the beach. **THINKING**
I a party on the beach.
- Sue thinks the story I'm telling her isn't true. **BELIEVE**
Sue the story I'm telling her.
- Alice doesn't go to the theatre at all. **NEVER**
Alice to the theatre.
- We're having dinner right now so I can't drive you to the cinema. **MOMENT**
We're having dinner so I can't drive you to the cinema.

Vocabulary Expansion

1 Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the words in colour.

- I'm sure you'll find your sweater soon. Things don't just **appear**
- Sally thinks that sleeping six hours each night is enough, but I **agree**
- Do you think exams are ? **stress**
- I like big parties and I don't mind having guests. **expected**
- That dress is really special. It's any other I've seen before. **like**
- Thanks for inviting me to dinner. Unfortunately, I am to accept your because I'm going away tomorrow. **able / invite**
- One of having a party at home is that after the guests leave, the house is so ! **advantage / tidy**
- School sport days are great for people who are very **competition**



2 EXPRESSIONS: make / do Complete the sentences. Use the words below.

difference • best • decision • good • suggestion • excuse • impression • friends • favour • effort

1. Let's go for a walk. It'll **do us**
2. Don't worry about winning or losing the match. Just **do your** and enjoy yourself.
3. It's important to **make a good** at a job interview.
4. Both hats look great on you. It doesn't **make a** which one you choose.
5. A party is a great place to meet people and **make**
6. Can you **do me a** and lend me your jacket for the party?
7. I don't want to **make an** for being late, but I got stuck in traffic.
8. You'll have to **make an** if you want to succeed at school.
9. I can **make a** but you'll have to **make** your own in the end.

3 COLLOCATIONS: verb + noun Complete the sentences. The letters in colour can help you.

1. They're **ho** **the competition** on Saturday at the local theatre.
2. Let's try to **keep in t** when we leave school.
3. Jenny and Luke don't **have a lot in co**, but they're great friends.
4. Shh! It's time for them to **ann** **the winner**.
5. Do you know where we can **g** **hold of** some costumes for our school play?

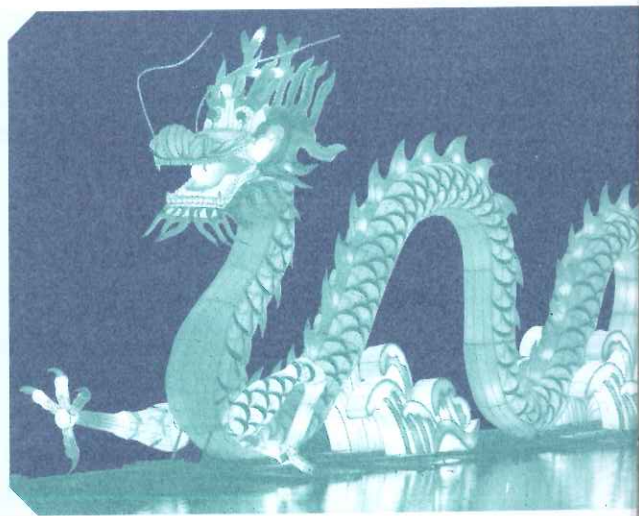
4 Circle the correct answer.

Visiting China on New Year's

Q: Is it a good idea to visit China on New Year's?

A: Yes, the Chinese New Year is an (1) **incredible / expected** celebration, with fireworks, flowers, lights and, of course, dragons. The whole country seems to be on the move so travelling can be quite (2) **challenging / original**. Luckily, the buses and trains here are very (3) **personal / efficient**.

If you're (4) **into / dislike** dancing, you can see excellent shows in the big cities. They are really (5) **terrific / tidy** and the performers are very (6) **exact / talented**. But shows like these are (7) **stressful / rare** in smaller towns, where people prefer to spend a (8) **relaxing / typical** New Year at home together with their families.



Words from the Skills

5 Complete the students' suggestions. Use the words below.

mind • up to • outdoors • way better • personally • fancy • depends • indoor

Teacher: It's time for our end-of-the year celebration. It's (1) **us** to make this event a fun one. Any ideas?

Amy: The kind of event we have really (2) **on** the weather. So I think we should plan an (3) activity in case it rains. What about karaoke?

Tom: Stop worrying! It's the end of the year so the weather will probably be fine. How about having a picnic in the park? Being (4) is much more fun.

Robbie: I (5) think a class dinner at a (6) restaurant is (7) than anything else – if students don't (8) paying a little more.

Teacher: Thanks for your ideas, everyone. OK, let's vote.

Prepare to Write

1 Read the email from Mia to her classmates.

Hi everyone,
Next week our school is welcoming 10 students from different countries as part of an exchange programme. They are coming for two weeks. To help us all get to know each other, we want to organize something special. Do you have any ideas for a fun event?
Thanks for your help!
Mia



2 **BRAINSTORMING IDEAS** Look at three suggestions that the students have made. Then add one suggestion.

Suggestions

- 1. sports event
- 2. quiz night
- 3. party with a DJ

Your idea:

3 **MAKING SUGGESTIONS AND GIVING REASONS** Complete the following suggestions and reasons. Use the words below. Then match the suggestions to their reasons.

about • great • could • best

Suggestions

- 1. How having some sort of sports event?
- 2. We have a quiz night.

Reasons

- a. It's a way to learn and have fun at the same time.
- b. Playing sports together is the way to get to know one another

4 Write sentences giving suggestions and reasons. Use the ideas below.

- 1. Party with a DJ:
- 2. Your idea:

Your Task

5 Read the task in Exercise 1 again and write an email to Mia. Use Exercises 2, 3 and 4 and the plan on page 14 of your Student's Book to help you.



- 1.1 **celebration** /sɛlɪ'breɪʃn/ (n) special party to celebrate something (birthday, anniversary, etc.): γιορτή, εορτασμός
We can invite friends and family to the school Christmas celebration.
- 1.2 **fail** /feɪl/ (v) be unsuccessful: αποτυγχάνω
If the experiment fails, the scientists will be disappointed.
Der: failure (n)
- 1.3 **work out** /wɜ:k aʊt/ (phr v) be successful or end in a particular way: πηγαίνω καλά, αποδίδω
We were worried about moving house, but in the end, everything worked out well.

Vocabulary 1 Before you read

- 1.4 **throw a party** have a party: κάνω πάρτι
My friends threw a surprise party for my birthday.
- 1.5 **hold (a party / competition)** /həʊld/ (v) have (an event): κάνω (πάρτι), διεξάγω (διαγωνισμό)
Because of the rain, Alice couldn't hold her party in the park.
- 1.6 **sleepover** /'sli:pəʊvə/ (n) kind of party in which one or many young people stay at a friend's house for the night: διανυκτέρευση (παιδιού) στο σπίτι φίλου
Mary invited three girls for a sleepover at her house tonight.
- 1.7 **consider** /kən'sɪdə/ (v) 1) think carefully about something: σκέφτομαι
Jan is considering a career in tourism, although she hasn't decided yet.
2) have an opinion about someone or something: θεωρώ
Plato is considered to be one of the greatest thinkers that has ever lived.
- 1.8 **hire** /haɪə/ (v) pay to use something: νοικιάζω
How much would it cost to hire a car for a week?
- 1.9 **hall** /hɔ:l/ (n) large room used for events: αίθουσα (εκδηλώσεων)
The show was held in the school hall.
- 1.10 **typical** /'tɪpɪkəl/ (adj) being a good example of its kind: συνηθισμένος, τυπικός
My typical lunch is a sandwich or a salad.
- 1.11 **rather than** in place of: αντί για
Let's play a computer game rather than watch TV.
- 1.12 **fancy** /'fænsi/ (adj) stylish and expensive: πολυτελής, κυριλέ
She is quite rich and always stays at fancy hotels when she goes on holiday.

- 1.13 **appeal (to)** /ə'pi:l/ (v) be of interest to someone: αρέσω (σε), ενδιαφέρω
It's a very good film and it will appeal to most people.
Der: appeal (n): έλξη, απήχηση
appealing (adj): ελκυστικός, ενδιαφέρων
- 1.14 **take (good) care of** look after someone or something: φροντίζω (καλά)
Sue always takes good care of my dog when I go on holiday.
- 1.15 **responsibility** /rɪs'pɒnsə'bɪlətɪ/ (n) a job or task that you have to do: ευθύνη, υποχρέωση
It is Steven's responsibility to walk the dog.
Der: responsible (adj)
- 1.16 **leave out** /li:v aʊt/ (phr v) not include: αποκλείω, αφήνω απ' έξω
You should invite Mary to the party as she'll be very sad if she's left out.
- 1.17 **focus (on)** /'fəʊkəs/ (v) concentrate: επικεντρώνομαι (σε)
Forget everything else and just focus on learning for your test.
Der: focus (n)
- 1.18 **relative** /'relətɪv/ (n) member of the family: συγγενής
My grandparents, aunts and other relatives live in the same village.
- 1.19 **(be) supposed to** (be) meant to: υποτίθεται / θεωρείται ότι
This is supposed to be the best beach on the island.

Reading

Task 1

- 1.20 **turn** /tɜ:n/ (v) reach an age: γίνομαι
On my next birthday, I will turn 16.
- 1.21 **driving licence** /'draɪvɪŋ 'laɪsns/ (n) an official document giving the right to drive a car: άδεια οδήγησης
Driving without a driving licence is a crime.
- 1.22 **part-time** /pɑ:t'taɪm/ (adj) for part of the day or week: μερικής απασχόλησης
The job is part-time, so I only work on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- 1.23 **common** /'kɒmən/ (adj) happening often: κοινός, συνηθισμένος
It is common for young people to wear jeans.

- 1.24 **popular** /ˈpɒpjələ/ (adj) liked by many people: δημοφιλής
Football is the most popular sport in the world.
Der: popularity (n): δημοτικότητα
- 1.25 **refer to** /rɪˈfɜː tə/ (phr v) be about something: αναφέρομαι σε
The numbers in this column refer to the money we spent last year.
Der: reference (n)
- 1.26 **vote** /vəʊt/ (v) choose something officially: ψηφίζω
Most people voted for Kathy, so she won the election for school president.
Der: vote (n)
- 1.27 **able** /ˈeɪbl/ (adj) having the skill, means or knowledge to do something: ικανός
Jen was able to carry the baby and the heavy bag.

Task 2

- 1.28 **celebrate** /ˈselɪbreɪt/ (v) do something special for an important occasion: γιορτάζω
Julie is having friends over for a barbecue to celebrate her birthday.
Der: celebration (n)
- 1.29 **career** /kəˈrɪə/ (n) series of jobs someone has in a particular area of work: καριέρα
She hopes to have a successful career in banking.
- 1.30 **look forward to** /lʊk ˈfɔːwəd tuː/ (phr v) wait excitedly for something to happen: ανυπομονώ να/για
The students were looking forward to the summer holidays.
- 1.31 **get around** /get əˈraʊnd/ (phr v) go from place to place: κυκλοφορώ (σε)
Lots of people use the bus to get around the city.
- 1.32 **independently** /ɪndɪˈpendəntli/ (adv) without anyone else's help: ανεξάρτητα
At university, students have to get used to studying independently, without a teacher.
Der: independence (n)
independent (adj)
- 1.33 **unable** /ʌnˈeɪbl/ (adj) not having the skill, means or knowledge to do something: που δεν μπορεί, ανίκανος
Matt was unable to cycle after his injury.
Opp: able (adj): ικανός

Text A

- 1.34 **advise** /ədˈvaɪz/ (v) tell somebody what you think they should do: συμβουλεύω
The doctor advised Paul to exercise every day.
Der: advice (n)
- 1.35 **organize** /ˈɔːgənaɪz/ (v) plan something: (δι)οργανώνω
Was it very difficult to organize the camping trip?
Der: organizer (n): διοργανωτής
- 1.36 **ahead of time** earlier than expected: από πριν, νωρίτερα
He worked hard and he finished his school project a day ahead of time.

- 1.37 **fountain** /ˈfaʊntən/ (n) structure in a garden or park which sends water into the air: συντριβάνι
People enjoy sitting in the park and watching the water in the fountain.
- 1.38 **event** /ɪˈvent/ (n) important or unusual happening: εκδήλωση
One of the important events at school is Music Day.
- 1.39 **pretty** /ˈprɪti/ (adv) quite, fairly: αρκετά
Let me help you carry that bag – it looks pretty heavy.
- 1.40 **expensive** /ɪkˈspensɪv/ (adj) costing a lot of money: ακριβός
I didn't buy the shoes because they were too expensive.
Opp: inexpensive (adj)
- 1.41 **share** /ʃeə/ (v) divide between two or more people: μοιράζω, -ομαι
Betsy shared the chocolate with her brothers.
- 1.42 **save up** /seɪv ʌp/ (phr v) keep your money so that you can buy something with it in the future: βάζω (χρήματα) στην άκρη
I'm saving up for a new laptop, and I've got €100 already.
- 1.43 **rely on** /rɪˈlaɪ ɒn/ (phr v) depend on: βασίζομαι σε
You can rely on me; I'll make sure everything is ready.
- 1.44 **ride** /raɪd/ (n) journey in a car or bus, for example: μεταφορά (κάποιου) με αυτοκίνητο, μετακίνηση
I slept late this morning, so Dad gave me a ride to school.
Der: ride (v)
- 1.45 **freedom** /ˈfriːdəm/ (n) ability to do what you want: ελευθερία
In many countries, people don't have the freedom to say what they think.
Der: free (v)
free (adj)

Text B

- 1.46 **take over** /teɪk ˈəʊvə/ (phr v) take control of something: καταλαμβάνω, κυριεύω
It feels like cars have taken over the city and there is no room for people.
- 1.47 **come around** /kʌm əˈraʊnd/ (phr v) visit a person's home, usually for a short time: περνώ (από), επισκέπτομαι
My parents invited a few neighbours to come around for a barbecue on Sunday.
- 1.48 **expert** /ˈekspɜːt/ (adj) having or involving a lot of knowledge and skill in a particular area: από ειδικό
We invited an architect to our house to give us expert advice on ways to redesign our kitchen.
Der: expert (n): ειδικός, έμπειρος
- 1.49 **tip** /tɪp/ (n) small amount of money given to someone who provides a service: φιλοδώρημα
Don't forget to leave a tip for the waitress.
Der: tip (v)
- 1.50 **receive** /rɪˈsiːv/ (v) get something: λαμβάνω, παίρνω
When Sally was ill, she received lots of cards and gifts from her friends.

- 1.51 **unlike** /ʌn'laɪk/ (prep) different from: σε αντίθεση με
Dan is tall, unlike his father, who is quite short.
Opp: like (prep)
- 1.52 **be into (something)** be interested in something: με ενδιαφέρει / μου αρέσει (κάτι)
Jill is into exercise and goes to the gym every day.
- 1.53 **allow** /ə'laʊ/ (v) let someone do something:
επιτρέπω / αφήνω (να)
Jim's parents allow him to watch television after he has done his homework.
- 1.54 **milestone** /'maɪlstəʊn/ (n) significant point of improvement or development: σημαντικό γεγονός, σταθμός
Going to university away from home is an important milestone in a young person's life.
- 1.55 **guess** /ges/ (v) try to make a judgement without being sure of all the facts: υποθέτω
Mum seems upset after talking to my teacher. I guess she is not happy with my grades.
Der: guess (n)

Text C

- 1.56 **(make) a big deal (of)** (consider) something important or exciting: (θεωρώ) πολύ σημαντικό / (κάνω) μεγάλο θέμα
It is a big deal that Zoe got into medical school!
- 1.57 **interest** /'ɪntrəst/ (v) excite one's attention: ενδιαφέρω
I'm not keen on sports so playing football doesn't really interest me.
Der: interest (n)
- 1.58 **custom** /'kʌstəm/ (n) something traditionally done in a particular society or place: έθιμο
It is a custom in Japan to take off your shoes when you go into a house.
- 1.59 **symbolize** /'sɪmbəlaɪz/ (v) represent: συμβολίζω
Red roses symbolize love.
Der: symbol (n)
- 1.60 **in one go** without stopping: μεριάς
She ate all the biscuits I had baked in one go!
- 1.61 **exact** /ɪg'zækt/ (adj) specific: ακριβής
I used the dictionary to see the exact meaning of the word.
Der: exactly (adj)
- 1.62 **personal** /'pɜːsnəl/ (adj) belonging to a certain person: προσωπικός
Some celebrities don't mind people knowing details of their personal lives.
Der: person (n)
personality (n): προσωπικότητα
personalize (v): προσωποποιώ
Opp: impersonal (adj): απρόσωπος
- 1.63 **app** /æp/ (n) software used on a smartphone, tablet or computer: εφαρμογή
Kim has 20 game apps on her phone.
- 1.64 **app developer** /æp dɪ'veləpə/ (n) person who builds apps: τεχνικός ανάπτυξης εφαρμογών
I love building computer games, and I want to be an app developer someday.

Vocabulary 2 After you read

- 1.65 **blow out** /bləʊ 'aʊt/ (phr v) put out a flame by blowing: σβήνω (φυσώντας)
He blew out all the candles on his birthday cake and everyone clapped.
- 1.66 **involve** /ɪn'vɒlv/ (v) have as part of it: περιλαμβάνω
Getting a driving licence involves passing a test.
Der: involvement (n): συμμετοχή
involved (adj): εμπλεκόμενος
- 1.67 **include** /ɪn'kluːd/ (v) make something part of something else: περιλαμβάνω
The price of the meal included cold and hot drinks.
Der: including (prep): συμπεριλαμβανομένου

Grammar

- 1.68 **(not) mind** /maɪnd/ (v) (not) care about something: (δεν) με πειράζει
I don't mind if Susan comes with us to the park.
- 1.69 **party animal** /'pɑːti 'æni:məl/ (n) someone who has great fun at parties: άτομο που του αρέσουν τα πάρτι
Lina dances for hours when she goes to parties – she's really a party animal!
- 1.70 **survey** /'sɜːrveɪ/ (n) investigation of the opinions or behaviour of a particular group: έρευνα
The survey found that 70% of young people watch more than three hours of television a day.
Der: survey (v)
- 1.71 **trend** /trend/ (n) general way a situation is going: τάση, μόδα
The latest trend in fashion is short skirts with high boots.
Der: trendy (adj)

Vocabulary 3 Expansion

- 1.72 **competitive** /kəm'petətɪv/ (adj) trying hard to win and be better than others: ανταγωνιστικός
Janet is quite competitive and gets upset when she doesn't come first.
Der: competition (n): ανταγωνισμός, διαγωνισμός
competitor (n): ανταγωνιστής, διαγωνιζόμενος
compete (v)
- 1.73 **talented** /'tæləntɪd/ (adj) able to do something very well: ταλαντούχος
The talented child won first prize in the singing competition.
- 1.74 **stressful** /'stresfl/ (adj) causing anxiety and worry: αγχωτικός
Moving to a new school can be stressful for children.
Der: stress (n)
- 1.75 **relaxing** /rɪ'læksɪŋ/ (adj) helping you feel calm: χαλαρωτικός
Last night, we spent a relaxing evening at home.
Der: relaxation (n)
relax (v)

- 1.76 **original** /ə'ri:dʒənəl/ (adj) not like others and therefore interesting and special: πρωτότυπος
The design of Pete's house is highly original and different from anything I've ever seen.
Der: origin (n): προέλευση
- 1.77 **efficient** /'ɪfɪʃnt/ (adj) working well without wasting time, money, etc.: αποτελεσματικός, αποδοτικός
The Metro is very efficient and you can get around the city quickly.
Der: efficiency (n)
- 1.78 **challenging** /'tʃælɪndʒɪŋ/ (adj) difficult: απαιτητικός, που αποτελεί πρόκληση
A triathlon race is very challenging because you have to run, swim and cycle.
- 1.79 **terrific** /te'rɪfɪk/ (adj) very good: υπέροχος
I didn't know what to write at first, but my teacher gave me some terrific ideas.
- 1.80 **rare** /reə/ (adj) not found in large numbers or happening often: σπάνιος
There are many rare objects in the museum.
- 1.81 **incredible** /ɪn'kredəbl/ (adj) wonderful: απίστευτος
We had an incredible time at the zoo. It was great!
- 1.82 **record** /rɪ'kɔ:d/ (v) store what is happening using a camera: καταγράφω
My parents recorded my graduation ceremony on video.
Der: record (n)
- 1.83 **untidy** /ʌn'taɪdi/ (adj) not neat or organized: ακατάστατος
Her office was very untidy, with books and papers all over the floor.
Opp: tidy (adj): τακτοποιημένος
- 1.84 **unexpected** /ʌnɪk'spektɪd/ (adj) something that surprises you because you did not think it would happen: αναπάντεχος, απρόσμενος
I don't like unexpected visits; I prefer when people call before they come.
Der: expectation (n): προσδοκία
expect (v): περιμένω
Opp: expected (adj): αναμενόμενος
- 1.85 **disagree** /dɪsə'grɪ:/ (v) have a different opinion: διαφωνώ
Tom wanted to have a beach party but Harry disagreed and said they should use the school hall.
Der: disagreement (n)
Opp: agree (v)
- 1.86 **dislike** /dɪ'slaɪk/ (n) something we do not enjoy: αυτό που δεν μου αρέσει
We talked about our likes and dislikes in class and I said that I don't like tomatoes.
Der: dislike (v): αντιπαθώ
- 1.87 **disappear** /dɪsə'pɪə/ (v) not be seen any more: εξαφανίζομαι
The cat was here a moment ago, but now it has disappeared.
Der: disappearance (n)
Opp: appear (v)
- 1.88 **disadvantage** /dɪsəd'vɑ:ntɪdʒ/ (n) something that makes a situation more difficult: μειονέκτημα
The disadvantage of this neighborhood is that it's far from the centre of town.
Opp: advantage (n)
- 1.89 **coin** /kɔɪn/ (n) small, flat, round piece of metal used as money: νόμισμα
She doesn't have much money in her purse – just a few coins.
- 1.90 **apartment** /ə'pɑ:tmənt/ (n) set of rooms in a building used as a place to live: διαμέρισμα
There are 12 apartments in the building where I live.
Syn: flat (n)
- 1.91 **fortune** /'fɔ:tʃu:n/ (n) luck: μοίρα, τύχη
My friend gave me a lucky coin to bring me good fortune.
- 1.92 **do (my) best** do something as well as you possibly can: βάζω τα δυνατά μου
I'm not sure if I'm ready for the exam, but I'll do my best.
- 1.93 **do (someone) good** be of benefit: κάνω καλό (σε κάποιον)
Why don't you try to get more sleep? It will do you good.
- 1.94 **make an excuse** invent a reason for not doing something: βρίσκω μια δικαιολογία
Peter made an excuse for not coming to Sarah's party.
- 1.95 **make a decision** decide or make a judgement: παίρνω μία απόφαση
Some people make decisions quickly, while others take longer to decide.
- 1.96 **make an effort** try hard to do something: κάνω μία προσπάθεια
Larry made an effort to study more and got better marks in his last maths test.
- 1.97 **make friends** become friends with someone: κάνω φίλους
Sam is very outgoing, so he'll find it easy to make friends at his new school.
- 1.98 **make a good impression** behave in a way that makes others have a good opinion of you: κάνω καλή εντύπωση
It's important to behave well in class so that you make a good impression on the teacher.
- 1.99 **do (someone) a favour** do something helpful for another person: κάνω μια χάρη (σε κάποιον)
Can you do me a favour and wash the car today?
- 1.100 **make a difference** change something in a good way: κάνω τη διαφορά
I have started swimming twice a week, and it has made a big difference to my fitness.
- 1.101 **make a suggestion** suggest a plan or idea: κάνω μία πρόταση
She made a good suggestion for a place for dinner.
- 1.102 **announce** /ə'naʊns/ (v) tell people something officially: ανακοινώνω
The principal announced the winner of the essay competition.
Der: announcement (n)

- 1.103 **have in common** have the same interests and ideas as someone else: έχω (κάτι) κοινό (με κάποιον)
Lisa and Dean have a lot in common – they both love music and art.
- 1.104 **get hold of** find and talk to someone: βρίσκω, επικοινωνώ
I finally got hold of Susie on the phone and we decided to meet at six o'clock.
- 1.105 **keep in touch** maintain contact: κρατώ επαφή
After all these years, my parents still keep in touch with their friends from school.
- 1.106 **accept (an invitation)** /ək'sept/ (v) say yes: (απο)δέχομαι (πρόσκληση)
Emma gladly accepted the invitation to the party.
- 1.107 **banner** /'bænə/ (n) long piece of cloth with a written message: πανό
The crowd carried banners with slogans like "Clean up the beach!"

Speaking

- 1.108 **it depends (on)** used to say you are not certain about something because it is affected by other things: εξαρτάται (από)
*"Are you going to the show?"
"It depends on whether there are still tickets available."*
- 1.109 **way (better)** /weɪ/ (adv) a lot (better): πολύ (καλύτερος)
I am good at playing tennis, but I am way better at football.
- 1.110 **outdoors** /aʊt'dɔːz/ (adv) in the open air, not inside a building: έξω, στο ύπαιθρο
It was a lovely day, so the children went outdoors to play.
- 1.111 **indoors** /ɪn'dɔːz/ (adv) inside a building: μέσα, σε εσωτερικό χώρο
It rained all day on Sunday, so we stayed indoors.
- 1.112 **amusement park** /ə'mjuːzmənt pa:k/ (n) place with rides and exciting things to do: λούνα παρκ
The amusement park has so many exciting rides!

Writing

Work with a Model

- 1.113 **abroad** /ə'brɔːd/ (adv) in or to a foreign country: στο εξωτερικό
We would like to travel abroad this summer; perhaps we will go to England.
- 1.114 **take on** /teɪk ɒn/ (phr v) accept a task or responsibility for something: αναλαμβάνω
Diane has agreed to take on the planning of the end-of-the-year party.
- 1.115 **personally** /'pɜːsənəli/ (adv) as far as I am concerned: προσωπικά
Personally, I don't want to go to the party.
- 1.116 **be up to (someone)** be (someone's) responsibility: εξαρτάται από (κάποιον)
It's up to the drama teacher to decide which students will be in the school play.

Prepare to Write

- 1.117 **hike** /haɪk/ (n) long walk in the country: πεζοπορία
We went on a seven-kilometre hike in the forest.
Der: hiker (n): πεζοπόρος
hike (v)



Present Simple and Present Continuous Απλός Ενεστώτας και Ενεστώτας Διάρκειας; Stative verbs

Present Simple

Χρησιμοποιούμε τον **Present Simple** (Απλό Ενεστώτα) για:

- πράξεις που γίνονται τακτικά ή συνήθειες.
We always **go** on a family picnic for my birthday.
- γενικές αλήθειες ή δεδομένα.
It **doesn't** often **snow** in this area.
- μελλοντικά προγράμματα / δρομολόγια.
What time **does** her train **arrive**?

Χρονικές εκφράσεις: *always, often, usually, sometimes, rarely, hardly ever, never, every day, once / twice a month, once in a while*

Present Continuous

Χρησιμοποιούμε τον **Present Continuous** (Ενεστώτα Διάρκειας) για:

- πράξεις που συμβαίνουν αυτή τη στιγμή.
Alex **is lighting** the candles on the cake right now.
- πράξεις που συμβαίνουν στο παρόν, αλλά όχι απαραίτητα τη στιγμή που μιλάμε.
Teens **are using** social media more and more.
- προγραμματισμένα γεγονότα.
We're meeting our friends at the restaurant this evening.

Χρονικές εκφράσεις: *now, right now, at the moment, today, at present, tonight, this week, these days, next week, later*

Stative Verbs

Τα **stative verbs** είναι ρήματα που εκφράζουν κατάσταση και όχι ενέργεια.

Χρησιμοποιούνται συνήθως στον **Present Simple** και όχι στον **Present Continuous**.

Τα πιο συνηθισμένα **stative verbs** είναι: *believe, belong, cost, have, hear, imagine, like, look, mind, need, own, prefer, see, seem, smell, taste, think, understand, want, weigh*.

I don't understand the words of this song. (όχι: **I'm not understanding X**)

Μερικά **stative verbs**, όπως *think, see, look* και *have*, μπορούν να χρησιμοποιηθούν στον **Present Continuous** αλλά με διαφορετική σημασία.

I'm seeing the doctor this afternoon. (συνάντηση)

I'm thinking of buying a new bike. (σκέψη)



Vocabulary Practice



1 Choose the correct answer.

- We organized a big family for my grandfather's 85th birthday.
a. celebration b. custom
- It's Adam's to keep his bedroom tidy.
a. responsibility b. career
- Sports Day is an important we have at school every year.
a. event b. licence
- This job needs knowledge of computer programming.
a. independent b. expert
- It is an video clip! You should have a look.
a. exact b. incredible
- The small bookstore sells books which are very expensive to buy.
a. rare b. challenging
- We watched a show on TV last night.
a. competitive b. terrific
- The end of the school year is a time for students because of exams.
a. relaxing b. stressful

2 Complete the sentences. Use the words below.

do you good • made a suggestion • made a difference • make an effort • made an excuse
make a good impression • are into • make a decision

- Jim about organizing a charity event at school and we all agreed.
- The children always to keep their classroom clean and tidy.
- Dora started exercising and it has to her health.
- A trip to the countryside will
- I tried to on my new teacher by trying to answer all the questions in class.
- My friends and I sports and we play football together every weekend.
- Tom when he got to school late.
- Some mornings, it is difficult to about what to wear.

3 Complete the expressions in the sentences below with *to*, *on* or *around*.

- Please be quiet children and focus the lesson.
- Sue loves the sea, but sailing a boat doesn't appeal her at all.
- Thanks to the good public transport system it is easy to get in London.
- Nina has been my best friend for years and I can rely her if I need help.
- Mum, I want to ask my friends to come Is that OK?
- My little brother is looking forward his birthday party.



UNIT 1

PRESENT SIMPLE PRESENT CONTINUOUS STATIVE VERBS

✓ CHECK WHAT YOU KNOW

Choose the correct sentence.

1

- a The baby eats a lot.
- b The baby is eating a lot.



2

- a I can't read this – I don't wear my glasses.
- b I can't read this – I'm not wearing my glasses.



3

- a The dog isn't looking dangerous.
- b The dog doesn't look dangerous.



4

- a Are you going out?
- b Do you go out?



5

- a He forever drops things.
- b He is forever dropping things.



6

- a This sauce doesn't taste good.
- b This sauce isn't tasting good.



Present Simple Ενεστώτας Απλός

Σχηματισμός	Χρήση	Παραδείγματα
I / You / We / They work He / She / It works I / You / We / They do not work He / She / It does not work Do I / you / we / they work ? Does he / she / it work ? Short forms: do not → don't does not → doesn't	1 για συνήθειες και πράξεις που γίνονται συχνά 2 για γενικές αλήθειες ή δεδομένα 3 για να αφηγηθούμε ιστορίες ή ανέκδοτα και για την περιγραφή αθλητικών γεγονότων, ταινιών ή βιβλίων 4 για δρομολόγια ή προγραμματισμένες πράξεις στο μέλλον 5 για την περιγραφή μόνιμων καταστάσεων	I always send flowers to my mother for her birthday. The River Thames flows through London. He takes the money and leaves the bank. Sakkari hits the ball and wins the match. The ferry leaves at 7.00 am tomorrow, doesn't it? My cousins live in Egypt. They don't have a large house.

Χρονικές εκφράσεις: every day / week / month / year, on Mondays / Thursdays, at the weekend, in summer / autumn, once / twice a day / week / month / year

- Οι χρονικές εκφράσεις συνήθως μπαίνουν στην αρχή ή στο τέλος της πρότασης.
On Thursdays, we play volleyball. **We play volleyball on Thursdays.**

Επιρρήματα συχνότητας: always, usually, often, frequently, sometimes, seldom, rarely, hardly (ever), never

- Τα επιρρήματα συχνότητας συνήθως μπαίνουν πριν από το κύριο ρήμα ή μετά από το ρήμα *be*.
I usually get home at two o'clock. **Patty hardly ever plays video games.** **James is rarely late for school.**

Για τους ορθογραφικούς κανόνες που ισχύουν όταν προσθέτουμε -s στο γ' ενικό πρόσωπο του Present Simple, δείτε στη σελίδα 189.



Present Continuous Ενεστώτας Διαρκείας

Σχηματισμός	Χρήση	Παραδείγματα
I am working He / She / It is working You / We / They are working I am not working He / She / It is not working You / We / They are not working Am I working? Is he / she / it working? Are you / we / they working? Short forms: is not → isn't are not → aren't	1 για πράξεις που συμβαίνουν τη στιγμή που μιλάμε 2 για πράξεις που συμβαίνουν τώρα, αλλά όχι απαραίτητα τη στιγμή που μιλάμε 3 για σχέδια και πράξεις που είναι προγραμματισμένες να συμβούν στο μέλλον 4 με τα <i>always, forever</i> και <i>constantly</i> για πράξεις που είναι ενοχλητικές, διασκεδαστικές ή συμβαίνουν πολύ συχνά	We are watching TV right now. Are you learning Japanese this year? The students are going on a trip tomorrow, aren't they? Jason is constantly forgetting to lock the door.

Χρονικές εκφράσεις: at the moment, (right) now, at present, still, today, tonight, tomorrow, soon, this week / month, next week / year

We are watching TV at the moment.

Για τους ορθογραφικούς κανόνες που ισχύουν όταν προσθέτουμε την κατάληξη *-ing* στον Present Continuous, δείτε στη σελίδα 189.

SEE GRAMMAR APPENDIX, PAGE 164

Stative Verbs

Τα stative verbs περιγράφουν καταστάσεις, όχι πράξεις. Συνήθως χρησιμοποιούνται στον Present Simple και όχι στον Present Continuous. Μερικά από τα πιο συνηθισμένα stative verbs είναι:

εμφάνιση: appear, look, seem

συναισθήματα: dislike, feel like, hate, like, love, need

κτήση: belong to, have, own

μετρήσεις: cost, equal, measure, weigh

αισθήσεις: feel, hear, see, smell, taste

σκέψεις ή απόψεις ή καταστάσεις: believe, forget, imagine, know, mean, mind, prefer, remember, think, understand, want, wish

Abby **seems** tired today.

A baby **needs** a lot of attention.

Do you own a motorbike?

How much **does** that tablet **cost**?

That cake **smells** delicious!

I **prefer** team sports to individual sports.

I **don't remember** my password.

Υπάρχουν μερικά stative verbs που μπορούν να χρησιμοποιηθούν στον Present Continuous αλλά με διαφορετική σημασία.

Do your parents have a house by the sea? (κτήση)

We're having dinner at a restaurant today. (τρώμε)

My sister **doesn't weigh** as much as I do. (μέτρηση)

The man **is weighing** the apples. (πράξη)

This pie **tastes** good. (αίσθηση της γεύσης)

I'm tasting the pie. (πράξη)

Do you see that house over there? (αίσθηση της όρασης)

Emma **is seeing** her friends tonight. (συνάντηση)

You **look** nice in that dress. (εμφάνιση)

Mum **is looking** at old photos. (πράξη)

The roses **smell** lovely. (αίσθηση της όσφρησης)

I **am smelling** the flowers. (πράξη)

We **think** Mr White is a good teacher. (γνώμη)

They **are thinking** about moving to another city.

(το σκέφτονται)

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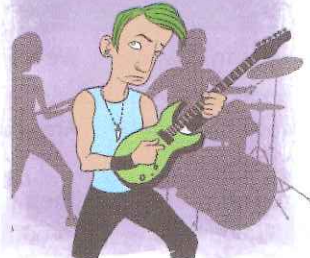
✓ CHECK YOUR GRAMMAR RULES

Read what each person says. Then match the verbs in colour (A-H) to the correct use of the present tenses (1-8) below.

A Millions of people **use** YouTube today and I'm one of them!



B I often **put** videos of my band on YouTube.



C I'm **using** a map app to find out where I am!



D I **feel like** dancing.



E I'm **thinking** about buying a new phone.



F My dad **is buying** me a new laptop soon.



G My younger brother **is always taking** my tablet!



H Here's our schedule: Football practice **starts** at 9.00 tomorrow.



..... 1 ωρολόγιο πρόγραμμα

..... 2 συνήθεια ή πράξη που γίνεται συχνά

...A... 3 δεδομένο

..... 4 προγραμματισμένη πράξη για το μέλλον

..... 5 ενοχλητική πράξη

..... 6 πράξη που συμβαίνει τώρα

..... 7 stative verb (σκέψη)

..... 8 stative verb (συναίσθημα)

GRAMMAR PRACTICE

1 Circle the correct answer.

1 Do / **Are** your friends going to the concert on Saturday?

2 Susan hit her knee but it **isn't** / **doesn't** hurt much.

3 Rosa is a vegetarian. She **doesn't eat** / **isn't eating** meat at all.

4 I go to boarding school and this year, I **share** / **am sharing** a room with four other girls.

5 Please be quiet! I **try** / **am trying** to do my homework.

6 Do you **learn** / **Are you learning** Chinese this year?

7 Maria and Jason **go** / **are going** to the cinema together this Friday.

8 Lucy is very kind. She **helps** / **is helping** people all the time.

9 Henry **takes** / **is taking** a sandwich to school every day.

10 How much **does a tablet cost** / **is a tablet costing**?

11 Which sport **do you prefer** / **are you preferring**, golf or tennis?

12 My dog **forever chases** / **is forever chasing** my neighbour's cat!

2 Complete the sentences with the correct time expression below.

constantly | right now | ~~never~~ | hardly ever | usually | on Mondays
tomorrow | twice a week | in spring | still

- 1 I don't like ice cream so I **never** eat it.
- 2 My grandmother always has a lot to do in her garden
- 3 Olivia is having a shower so she can't answer her phone.
- 4 In Mediterranean countries, it rains in August. It's always hot and dry.
- 5 I can't see you today because I'm taking an exam and I have to study.
- 6 You're dropping litter in the street! Why don't you put your rubbish in the bin?
- 7 My parents are at work during the day but they're at home in the evenings.
- 8 Jake has karate lessons – on Wednesdays and Fridays.
- 9 The museum doesn't open but the rest of the week it's open from 9 to 5.
- 10 My project isn't ready. I'm working on it.

3 Complete the dialogue with the correct form of the verbs given. Use Present Simple or Present Continuous.

think

EMMA → I (1) **am thinking** of decorating my bedroom.

LAURA → I (2) **think** colours like white or light grey are best.

have

EMMA → I (3) a small room, so maybe white will make it seem bigger.

LAURA → Right! Tell me, (4) fun choosing new furniture?

see

EMMA → Oh, yes! We (5) a carpenter about building a desk and shelves for me.

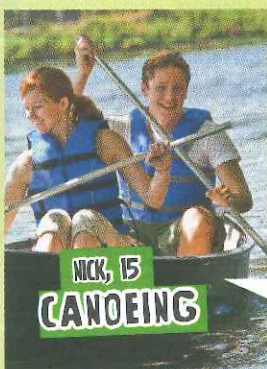
LAURA → Looking at this room, I (6) you need a new carpet too. Maybe that should be a bright colour.

look

EMMA → Yeah, I (7) for the right colour and for some cushions as well.

LAURA → Well, any colour (8) good with white. Why not be dramatic and choose black?

4 Read the text. Circle the correct answer.



NICK, 15
CANOEING

**GET OUT &
HAVE FUN!**

We all ¹ **know** / **are knowing** that young people today ² **spend** / **are spending** a lot of time indoors watching TV or using a computer, so this week we ³ **want** / **are wanting** to encourage you to get outdoors! Here are some ideas.

This year, my sister and I ⁴ **learn** / **are learning** to canoe. It's great fun, even though we usually ⁵ **get** / **are getting** really cold and wet when we are out on the water! Our lessons ⁶ **take** / **are taking** place every Saturday on a river near our house. Next week, our group ⁷ **goes** / **is going** to a big lake in a national park. I can't wait!

This summer, I ⁸ **take** / **am taking** tree climbing classes with some friends. Our instructor, Todd, is brilliant! Every time that we ⁹ **have** / **are having** a class, he ¹⁰ **makes** / **is making** sure that we stay safe in the trees. I ¹¹ **love** / **am loving** climbing really tall trees ... and it's good exercise too! Tree climbing courses ¹² **become** / **are becoming** popular with young people and I can totally understand why!



BETH, 16
TREE CLIMBING

5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs given. Use Present Simple or Present Continuous.

- 1 We never **go** (go) to the beach, but this afternoon we (meet) Jim and Nick there.
- 2 I (not always / understand) physics, but today I (think) the homework is very easy.
- 3 (you / listen) to hip hop music? You (not usually / like) that kind of music, do you?
- 4 "How often (you / eat) in a restaurant?"
"My mum (always / cook) so we (never / go out) to eat."
- 5 Look! That dog (chase) the neighbour's cat! It (not usually / do) that.
- 6 "..... (Dad / drive) us to school today?"
"No, Mum needs the car so we (walk)."
- 7 (you / remember) my last birthday party? It was fun, wasn't it?
I (have) a party again this year.
- 8 Mary (take) a course in web design. She (enjoy) working with computers and has always wanted to learn more.

6 Complete the text with the correct form of the verb below. Use Present Simple or Present Continuous, positive or negative.

NATIONAL SPACE CENTRE

~~love~~ | open | take | not leave

I ¹ **love** going on school trips, don't you? Tomorrow our teacher ² us to the National Space Centre in Leicester. It ³ at 10 am but we ⁴ school till 9.30, so we won't get there that early.

have | read | say | walk

At the moment, I ⁵ some information about the Space Centre online. While visitors ⁶ around, they can see spacesuits, rockets and even a piece of rock from the moon! It ⁷ on the website that this was collected by Gene Cernan, the last person to walk on the moon. Visitors to the Space Centre also ⁸ a chance to find out what it's like to fly a spaceship.

see | not know | look forward | sound

At the end of the day, we ⁹ a film at the planetarium. It's the biggest planetarium in the UK and it ¹⁰ like a great place to watch a film about space. I ¹¹ which film we'll see tomorrow, but I'm sure it will be exciting and I ¹² to the experience.



7 Write questions. Use Present Simple or Present Continuous. Then write an answer that is true for you.

1 you / get up late / on Saturday mornings / ?

Do you get up late on Saturday mornings?

No. I don't. I get up at about eight o'clock on Saturdays.

2 it / rain / at the moment / ?

3 you / learn / German / at school this year / ?

4 your family / enjoy / watching football games / ?

5 your friend / own / a bike / ?

6 you / take / any tests / next week / ?

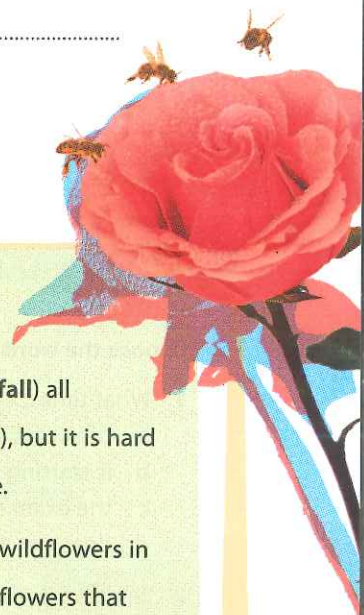
8 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs given. Use Present Simple or Present Continuous, positive or negative.

SAVING THE HONEY BEES

Honey bees are in danger. The number of honey bees in the world ¹ **is falling** (fall) all the time. These insects ² (feed) on nectar (a sweet liquid from flowers), but it is hard for them to find enough food because there are fewer wildflowers today than there used to be.

Many people ³ (understand) that they can help the bees by planting wildflowers in their gardens and at many schools, students ⁴ (grow) the kind of wildflowers that ⁵ (attract) honey bees.

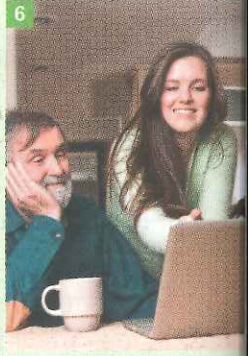
Looking after a garden can be hard work, though. Emily ⁶ (collect) dry flower seeds from the garden at her school today. "Every year, the school ⁷ (sell) seeds to people who want to start their own honey bee garden," she explains. "They ⁸ (not cost) much. We use the money we earn to buy things for our school garden. This year, we ⁹ (give) seeds to other schools so that they can plant gardens too." Emily says the school ¹⁰ (think) about getting a beehive so they can make their own honey.



SPEAK UP !

Present Simple and Present Continuous

- 1 It's summer! Look at the pictures. What are the people doing?
- 2 What do you usually do in summer?



Possible answers for number 1

- ▶ The people are playing football. A girl is lying on the sand. She is sunbathing.
- ▶ I also like sunbathing on the sand. I always get a tan in summer.



B2 EXAM PRACTICE

1 Choose the word or phrase that best completes each sentence.

- 1 What time tomorrow morning?
 - a the exam starting
 - b is starting the exam
 - c the exam starts
 - d does the exam start
- 2 Jessica enough time to go shopping today.
 - a not have
 - b doesn't have
 - c isn't having
 - d not having
- 3 "What's Ben doing these days?"
"I don't know. I see him."
 - a rarely
 - b often
 - c frequently
 - d forever
- 4 "Do you visit your grandparents on Sundays?"
"No. I them for lunch on Saturdays."
 - a usually see
 - b see usually
 - c am usually seeing
 - d usually seeing
- 5 "These shoes are a bargain!"
"You're right. They much at all!"
 - a cost not
 - b aren't costing
 - c don't cost
 - d not costing
- 6 I fixed my bike so I the bus to college this week.
 - a don't take
 - b am not taking
 - c not take
 - d not taking

- 7 Lilly wants to improve her marks so she hard this week.
a studies
b is studying
c studying
d does study
- 8 The pasta good, so I'm adding more herbs.
a tastes not
b isn't tasting
c not tasting
d doesn't taste
- 9 "Why do you need my dictionary?"
"I to find out what a word means."
a try
b trying
c do try
d am trying
- 10 I know how to drive but I a car.
a not own
b am not owning
c don't own
d own never
- 11 My uncle jokes on me and my brother.
He is so funny!
a always is playing
b does always play
c plays always
d is always playing
- 12 You don't take sugar in your coffee, ?
a do you
b don't you
c are you
d does it

2 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

- 1 These suitcases are very light. **NOT**
These suitcases much.
- 2 When I go to the cinema, I never talk on the phone during the film. **WATCHING**
I never talk on the phone while a film at the cinema.
- 3 My parents don't own a red car. **BELONG**
That red car my parents.
- 4 Daniel wants to travel around China. **THINKING**
Daniel travelling around China.
- 5 My parents complain about my messy wardrobe all the time. **CONSTANTLY**
My parents about my messy wardrobe.
- 6 I don't listen to music very often. **HARDLY**
I to music.

3 Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

Premier League Football Camps

Are you between the ages of 10 and 17? ¹ you mad about football?
² you want to improve your football skills? Then why not go to a football camp in England? Most Premier League teams run camps ³ the summer holidays. ⁴ are camps for both boys and girls, and they offer an amazing opportunity to train with experienced coaches.

These camps usually offer training sessions twice ⁵ day – one in the morning and one in the afternoon. They also include a tour of the stadium. But you do ⁶ usually meet famous players.

⁷ the idea of a football camp sound like your kind of thing? Then go online and find out more information, for example, when these camps take place and how ⁸ they cost. You never know ... A football camp could be the beginning of your Premier League career!

