

A SNAPSHOT OF MY LIFE

B1 - Intermediate



WOULD YOU RATHER?

Work in pairs and discuss the questions. Share your answers with each other and explain your choices.

get up before 6 a.m. every day or
stay up until midnight every
night?

spend a year travelling the world
or a year living in a luxury house
in your favourite city?

live in a big city with lots of
activities or in a small town with
a quiet lifestyle?



speak a foreign language fluently
or be able to play any musical
instrument perfectly?

try a new hobby every month or
perfect one skill over a year?

have a weekend of non-stop
adventure or a weekend of
complete relaxation?

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Look through Olivia's profile to get to know her better. Identify which facts about Olivia you can relate to, and be ready to share with the class.

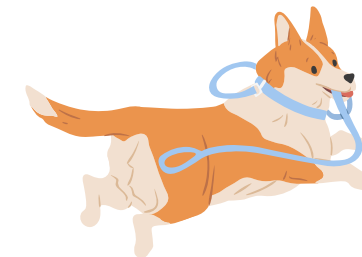
Read the following statements carefully and mark them as True or False. If a statement is false, correct it to make it true.

1. Olivia enjoys spending time with Jonny, but she doesn't care much about hanging out with friends. ____
2. She buys hats when necessary. ____
3. Olivia rarely attends her dance classes and usually skips them to spend time with her family. ____
4. Olivia prefers to walk to work in London because her office is close by. ____
5. Olivia spends most of her days exploring new parts of Manchester. ____

Hello, my name is

 **Olivia Wilson**

I am a young and ambitious person who loves to explore new things and hang out with friends. I like spending time with my dog Jonny 🐶. I try to be kind to everyone, and I always look for ways to make people smile.



FUN FACTS

- I don't eat vegetables, especially cucumbers.
- I take dance classes every week, and I often impress my family with new routines.
- I have a passion for collecting hats and I always look for unique ones.
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I come from London, but I'm currently living in Manchester for work. In London, I typically commute by bus, but here, I'm getting used to walking to the office since it's much closer.



PRESENT SIMPLE VS. PRESENT CONTINUOUS

present simple

- Things which are always true, facts. *I try to be kind to everyone and I always look for ways to make people smile.*
- Permanent situations. *I have a passion for collecting hats and I always look for unique ones.*
- Habits or things we do regularly. *I take dance classes every week.*
- We use the present simple and not continuous with stative verbs: be, want, cost, need, belong, like, love, hate, dislike, fear, know etc. *I hate vegetables, especially cucumbers.*
- Use the present simple tense for future events in subordinate clauses after when, as soon as, after, before, and until. *Call me when you arrive.*

Time expressions: always, often, usually, sometimes, occasionally, rarely/seldom, never, every day/week.

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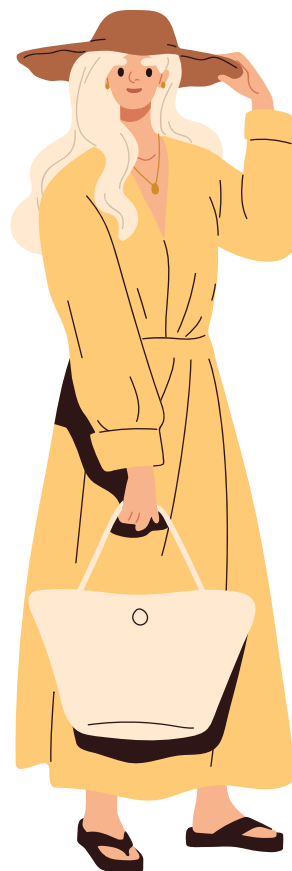
*I/you/we/they + base form of the verb
he/she/it + verb + ending -s/-es/-ies*

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*I/you/we/they + do not + base form of the verb
he/she/it + does not + base form of the verb*

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*Do + I/you/we/they + base form of the verb
Does + he/she/it + base form of the verb*



present continuous

- Things which are happening at the moment of speaking. *Olivia is looking for a new hat right now.*
- Temporary situations. *I am currently living in Manchester for work.*
- Temporary or new habits. *She is commuting to work by bus instead of walking this week.*

Time expressions: now, right now, at the moment, currently, this month/week.

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Subject + am/is/are + verb + ending -ing

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Subject + am/is/are + not + verb + ending -ing

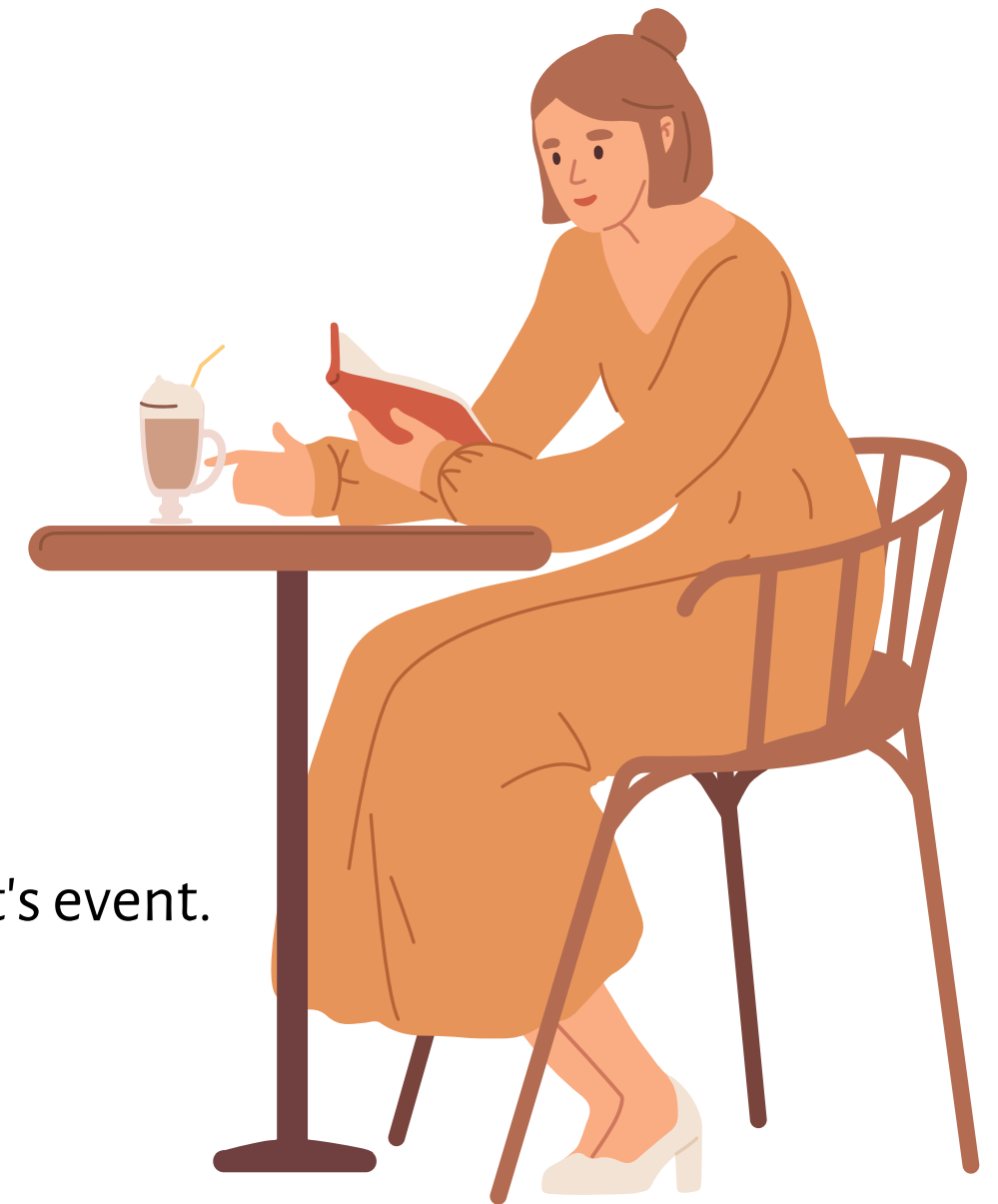
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Am/Is/Are + subject + verb + ending -ing

LET'S PRACTISE!

Choose the correct verb form in each sentence by selecting the appropriate tense: Present Simple or Present Continuous.

1. He usually _____ (works/is working) late on Fridays.
2. Right now, they _____ (prepare/are preparing) for their big presentation.
3. She _____ (takes/is taking) the train to work every morning at 8 a.m.
4. At the moment, we _____ (plan/are planning) our summer vacation.
5. They _____ (visit/are visiting) their grandparents every Sunday afternoon.
6. I _____ (study/am studying) for my exams this week, so I can't go out.
7. You _____ (always leave/are always leaving) your keys on the table.
8. The company _____ (launches/is launching) a new product this year.
9. My brother _____ (plays/is playing) the guitar every evening before dinner.
10. She _____ (learns/is learning) to drive because she has a test next week.
11. At the moment, the chef _____ (prepares/is preparing) the meals for tonight's event.
12. The train _____ (leaves/is leaving) at 6 p.m. sharp every evening.
13. They _____ (sometimes play/are sometimes playing) chess after dinner.
14. Right now, the students _____ (take/are taking) notes during the lecture.
15. Currently, the company _____ (seeks/is seeking) new employees for their marketing team.



GRAMMAR QUIZ

Test your knowledge of Present Simple and Present Continuous tenses and score as many points as possible.

- *Read each sentence carefully.*
- *Choose the correct verb forms from the three provided options.*
- *Click on your selected answer to see if you are correct.*
- *Move on to the next sentence and continue until you finish the quiz.*

Good luck and enjoy the quiz!

GRAMMAR QUIZ

Complete the quiz by choosing the correct answers using the Present Simple or Present Continuous tense. You have 10 seconds to finish, so think quickly!

Start



PLAY NOW

*Answer the questions
by naming 3 things.*



NAME 3...

things you usually do after work or school.

things you are doing this week that are different from your usual routine.

activities you regularly do that help you relax.

things you are currently planning for the next month.

things your family does together on weekends.

things that you are doing differently this year compared to last year.

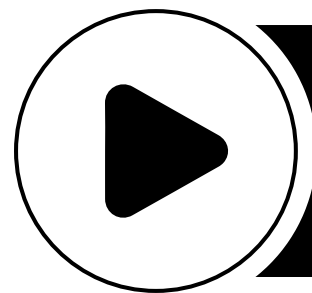
things you usually do before going to bed.

*Read the rules and play
in teams or player VS
player.*

LET'S PLAY!

You will see a card with 5 words. The task is to explain as many words as possible in 1 minute. You can play individually and explain the words to everyone or in teams, where you explain the words to your team. Get a point for every guessed word.

The teacher can use a timer. The player or team with the most points at the end of the game wins! The cards can be sent to the players privately before the game.



PLAY NOW



ROLE-PLAY

Optional task

Pair up with a partner or form small groups of 2-3 students.

Choose one of the scenarios provided below or create your own scenario of an interview.

Mystery Guest

You are a journalist, and your guest is a famous celebrity who has recently been involved in a mysterious project. Engage in a interview where you ask about their daily routine and try to uncover details about their secret project.

Time Traveller

You are a journalist from the future, and your guest is a famous scientist or inventor from the present day. Interview them about their daily life and habits, and then ask about their current research or experiments that might shape the future.

Celebrity Chef

You are interviewing a world-renowned chef who has recently opened a new restaurant. Discuss their daily cooking routines and culinary habits, and then ask them about the special dishes they are currently preparing for the menu in their restaurant.

Explorer on a Mission

You are a journalist interviewing an explorer who has just returned from a dangerous expedition. Talk about their usual training routines and preparation, and then dive into the details of what they are currently working on.



WHAT ABOUT YOU?

Now, it's your turn!

Using Olivia's profile as a template, create a profile about yourself.

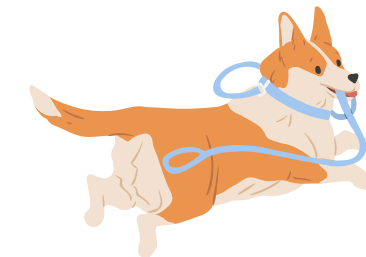
Include the following sections:

- 1. Introduction: Start with your name and a brief description of yourself (e.g., your personality, interests, or hobbies).*
- 2. Fun Facts: Share 3-4 fun or interesting facts about yourself. These could be about your likes/dislikes, hobbies, or something unique about you.*
- 3. Where You're From: Write a short paragraph about where you come from and where you currently live or work. Mention anything special about the place or how you've adapted to a new environment if applicable.*

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EXTRA TASK

Correct and rewrite the sentences which are wrong. If the sentence does not have any mistakes, write 'correct'.

1. He is always eating lunch at 12 p.m. with his colleagues.

2. They play basketball right now in the school gym.

3. She goes to the gym at the moment because it's her routine.

4. We are studying English every day to improve our skills.

5. I usually watch TV in the evening after dinner.

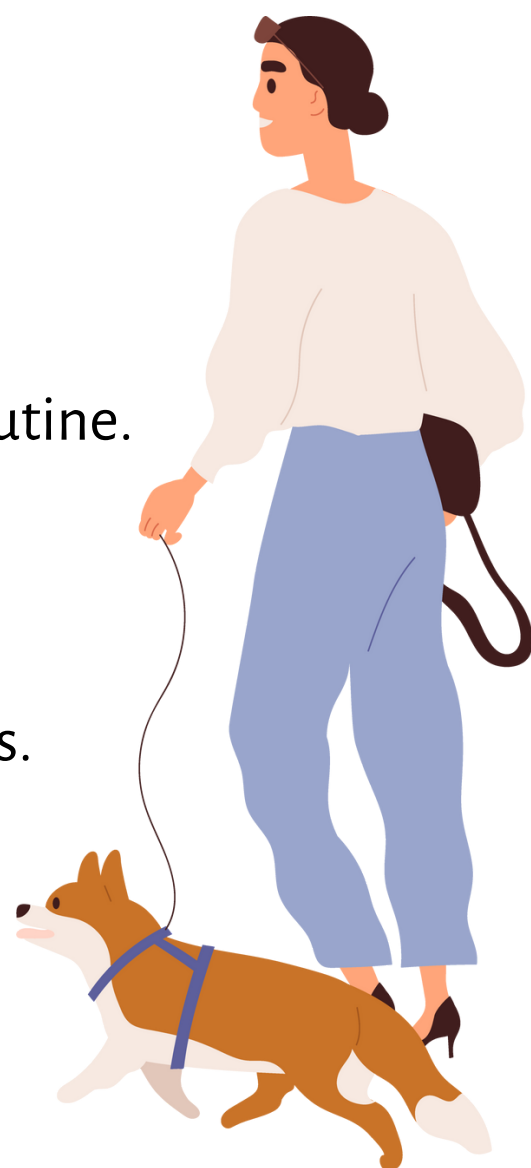
6. You are work from home today because of the bad weather.

7. He is reading books every weekend to relax.

8. They are going to the park right now to walk their dog.

9. She takes the bus to work every day at 8 a.m.

10. I usually meditates after dinner when the house is quiet.





EXTRA TASK

Complete the dialogue by filling in the gaps with the correct form of the verb in either the Present Simple or Present Continuous tense.



Alice: Hi, Tom! It's been a while. How are you?

Tom: Hi, Alice! Yes, it has. I'm good, thanks. How about you?

Alice: I'm doing well, too. So, what _____ (you/do) these days?

Tom: Well, I _____ (work) at the same company, but right now, I _____ (take) a few online courses to improve my skills. And you?

Alice: That sounds great! I _____ (live) in the same neighbourhood, but I _____ (look) for a new place because I _____ (think) about moving closer to the city center.

Tom: Oh, really? That's exciting! Do you usually _____ (drive) to work, or _____ (you/take) public transport?

Alice: I usually _____ (take) the bus, but lately, I _____ (try) to bike to work. It's been a nice change. What about your hobbies? _____ (you/play) the guitar?

Tom: Yes, I _____ (play) the guitar regularly, but these days I _____ (learn) to play the piano as well. It's challenging but fun.

Alice: That's impressive! How often _____ (you/practice)?

Tom: I _____ (practice) every evening, and on weekends, I _____ (usually/have) a lesson with a teacher.

Alice: That's a great routine. By the way, _____ (you/know) that our old friend Daniel _____ (come) back to town this week?

Tom: Really? I didn't know that! What _____ (he/do) now?

Alice: He _____ (work) for a new startup, and he _____ (visit) the city for a business meeting. We should all catch up!

Tom: Definitely! Let me know when _____ (he/arrive), and I'll make sure I'm free.

Alice: Will do! It's really good to see you again, Tom.

Tom: You too, Alice. Let's keep in touch!

EXTRA TASK

What are they doing right now? Create sentences using Present Continuous. **Example: She is reading a book.*



What do they usually do? Create sentences using Present Simple. **Example: She usually reads a book before bed.*



How is the routine different today? **Example: He is drinking coffee, but he usually drinks tea.*





THANK YOU!

