

Destination **B1**

Grammar &
Vocabulary **with Answer Key**



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Grammar

Present simple, present continuous, stative verbs

Present simple

Form	statement	negative	question
	I/you/we/they play ...	I/you/we/they do not (don't) play ...	Do I/you/we/they play ...?
	He/she/it plays ...	He/she/it does not (doesn't) play ...	Does he/she/it play ...?
Use	Example		Helpful hints
Present habits	Marsha goes to dance lessons every Saturday.		<p>The present simple is often used with the following words and phrases:</p> <p>adverbs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • always • usually • often • sometimes • rarely • never <p>phrases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • every Monday/week/etc • each Monday/week/etc • once/twice a week/month/etc • three times a week/month/etc <p>Remember that these adverbs usually go before the verb, but after the verb <i>be</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I often play football with my friends. • I am often late for my piano lessons.
Permanent situations	Does Dan work at the cinema?		
States	I like the new James Bond film.		
General truths	You play chess with 32 pieces.		
Watch out!	The verbs <i>be</i> and <i>have</i> have irregular present forms. See page 182.		

Present continuous

Form	statement	negative	question
	I am ('m) playing ...	I am not ('m not) playing ...	Am I playing ...?
	He/she/it is ('s) playing ...	He/she/it is not (isn't / 's not) playing ...	Is he/she/it playing ...?
	You/we/they are ('re) playing ...	You/we/they are not (aren't / 're not) playing ...	Are you/we/they playing ...?
Use	Example		Helpful hints
Actions happening now	Jan is watching a DVD upstairs.		<p>The present continuous is often used with the following words and phrases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • now • right now • at the moment • today • this week/month/etc
Temporary situations	She is working at the museum until the end of the month.		
Annoying habits (usually with <i>always</i>)	My brother is always borrowing my CDs without asking!		

Stative verbs

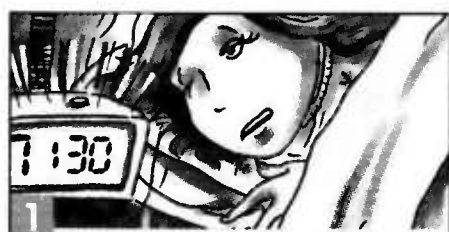
Form	Stative verbs do not usually describe actions. They describe states (feelings, thoughts, etc). They are not normally used in continuous tenses.	Some common stative verbs:																		
	<p>✓ I like reading books in my free time.</p> <p>✗ I am liking reading books in my free time.</p>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>appear</td> <td>include</td> <td>see</td> </tr> <tr> <td>be</td> <td>know</td> <td>seem</td> </tr> <tr> <td>believe</td> <td>like</td> <td>taste</td> </tr> <tr> <td>belong to</td> <td>love</td> <td>think</td> </tr> <tr> <td>hate</td> <td>need</td> <td>understand</td> </tr> <tr> <td>have</td> <td>prefer</td> <td>want</td> </tr> </table>	appear	include	see	be	know	seem	believe	like	taste	belong to	love	think	hate	need	understand	have	prefer	want
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Watch out!

Some of these verbs (such as *be*, *have* and *think*) are used in continuous tenses when they describe actions.

- ✓ What **do** you **think** about his new song?
- ✓ I'm **thinking** about last night's match.

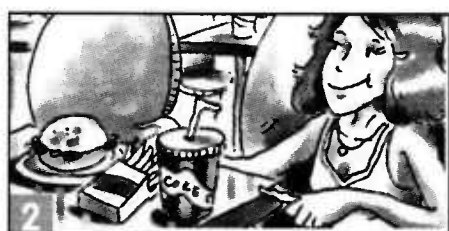
A Look at the pictures of Helen and use the prompts to write sentences. Use the correct form of the present simple.



1 every day / get up / at half past seven



4 once a week / watch a film at the cinema



2 often / eat fast food for lunch



5 rarely / go to the gym



3 in the evening / usually / meet her friends for coffee



6 have a driving lesson / twice a week

- 1 Every day, Helen gets up at half past seven.
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

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

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

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

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

D Circle the correct word or phrase.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Past simple

Form	statement I/you/he/she/it/we/they played ...	negative I/you/he/she/it/we/they did not (didn't) play ...	question Did I/you/he/she/it/we/they play ...?
	Use	Example	Helpful hints
	Completed actions	I saw the new James Bond film yesterday.	The past simple is often used with the following words and phrases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • yesterday • last week/summer/year/etc • in January/2001/etc • an hour/a week/a year ago
	Repeated actions in the past	I went to the theatre four times last month.	
	General truths about the past	Fifty years ago, people didn't spend as much on entertainment as they do today.	
	Main events in a story	Josh pushed the door open and looked inside the room.	

Watch out!

Some verbs have irregular past simple forms. See page 182.

Past continuous

Form	statement I/he/she/it was playing ... You/we/they were playing ...	negative I/he/she/it was not (wasn't) playing ... You/we/they were not (weren't) playing ...	question Was I/he/she/it playing? Were you/we/they playing?
	Use	Example	Helpful hints
	Actions happening at a moment in the past	At nine o'clock last night, I was watching TV.	The past continuous is often used with the following words and phrases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at that moment • at one/two/etc o'clock • while
	Two actions in progress at the same time	I was reading a book while you were doing the washing-up.	
	Background information in a story	It was raining so Wendy decided to go to the cinema.	

Watch out!

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

used to

Form	used to + bare infinitive		
	statement I/you/he/she/it/we/they used to ...	negative I/you/he/she/it/we/they never used to ... I/you/he/she/it/we/they didn't use to ...	question Did I/you/he/she/it/we/they use to ...?
Use	Example		
	Distant past habits and states	When I was four, I used to eat ice cream every day.	

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

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

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

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

last week 	yesterday 	two years ago 
last night 	in June 	a week ago 

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

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

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

D Circle the correct word or phrase.

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

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

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

Amber's Big Match

One morning, Amber (1) up early. The sun (2) and the birds (3) Amber (4) very excited because it was the day of the big tennis match.

Amber (5) downstairs and into the kitchen, where her father (6) breakfast.

'Morning, Amber. Today's the day!' he (7) Amber smiled nervously. 'Don't worry!' he (8) 'You'll be fine.'

Amber (9) some toast into the toaster and (10) the fridge. Just as she (11) the butter out, the phone (12) Her father (13) it. After a few minutes, he put the phone down.

'Bad news, I'm afraid. The other player (14) yesterday when she had an accident. The match is off.'

Amber ate her toast slowly. She was surprised she didn't feel disappointed.

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

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