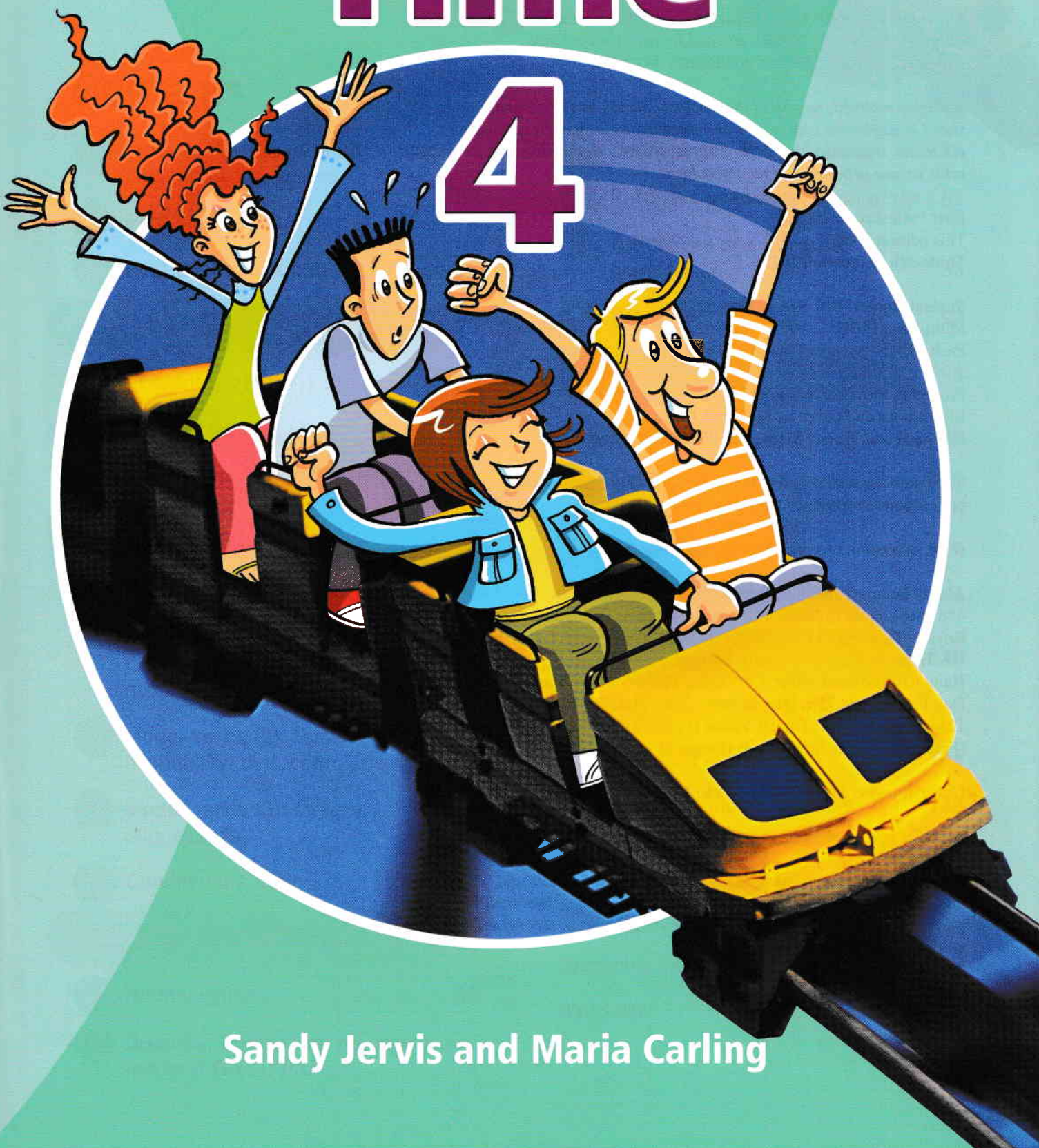


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have got, possessive adjectives and pronouns, whose

What are you doing?

1



This is a surprise for you, you know! I'm buying your birthday present!

2



Peter: Hi, Harry! Where are you?
Harry: I'm... er... in a shop.
Peter: What are you doing?
Harry: I'm buying something.
Peter: But it's Friday. We usually go to the cinema on Friday.
Harry: Well, I'm doing my shopping today. What are you doing?
Peter: I'm standing right behind you!

I'm buying something.

3



4



Good. I want the black T-shirt, then. I don't like the brown one!

1 Complete the tables.

► Look at the spelling rules on page 139.

Present simple

Positive	I / You / We / They	go
	He / She / It	goes
Negative	I / You / We / They	not (don't) go
	He / She / It	not (doesn't)

Questions

Do	I / you / we / they	go?
Does	he / she / it	

Present continuous

Positive	I	 ('m)	goi
	He / She / It	is (.....)	
	We / You / They	 ('re)	
Negative	I	am not (.....)	goi
	He / She / It	 (isn't)	
	We / You / They	 (aren't)	

Questions

Am	I	
Is	he / she / it	 ?
Are	you / we / they	

2 Read the information.

Present simple

Use

We use the present simple to talk about:

- habits, things that we do regularly.
We usually go to the park after school.
- facts, things that are always or usually true:

My sister works in a bookshop.

The Earth goes round the sun.

Time expressions

- We often use these time expressions with the present simple:

*in September, in the morning/afternoon/
evening on Mondays/Tuesdays
every day/week/month, once/twice/three
times a week/month/year*

- These time expressions come at the beginning or end of the sentence.
*Every weekend we visit our cousins.
My dad starts work at eight every day.*
- We also use adverbs of frequency (*always, usually, often, sometimes, never*) with the present simple. They come **before** the main verb.

Peter never tidies his room.

Do you always get up at seven?

And **after** the verb *be*.

I'm never late for school.

He isn't usually busy on Sundays.

Present continuous

Use

We use the present continuous to talk about:

- something that is happening now:
Sam and Alex are watching TV.
- temporary situations:
Fred's staying with his aunt this weekend.

Time expressions

We often use these time expressions with the present continuous:

*now, right now, at the moment, today
this week/month/year, these days.
She's doing her homework at the moment.*

Present simple and present continuous

Compare these examples:

He usually does his homework in the evening.
(A habit. Use the present simple.)

He's doing his homework. (This is happening now. Use the present continuous.)

3 Complete with the present simple.

- 1 Harry often goes to the park after school. (go)
- 2 My brother meat. (not eat)
- 3 Where? (your cousins / live)
- 4 Beth articles for *TeenLink*. (write)
- 5 on Saturdays? (your parents / work)
- 6 What time in the morning? (you / get up)
- 7 I to the theatre very often. (not go)

4 Complete with the present continuous.

- 1 Stop that noise! I 'm trying to do my homework! (try)
- 2 Dave and Brian want to go home. They a good time. (not have)
- 3 Why? (you / laugh)
- 4 to us? (that girl / talk)
- 5 Vicky for her test. She's at the sports centre. (not study)
- 6 Harry's in his room. He a report for *TeenLink*. (write)

5 Complete with every day or at the moment.

- 1 Beth's tidying her room *at the moment*
- 2 Harry gets up early
- 3 Mr and Mrs Davis are watching TV
- 4 Peter goes to the park
- 5 Beth drinks a glass of milk
- 6 Lucy's playing the violin

6 Read and write.

On Monday afternoon

Harry – edit 'TeenLink'
Lucy – do homework
Mrs Hardy – go to the gym
Peter – play football
Beth – study Spanish
Mr Davis – run in the park

Today

Harry – listen to new CD
Lucy – watch film on TV
Mrs Hardy – visit friend
Peter – read book
Beth – write story
Mr Davis – cook dinner

- 1 On Monday afternoon, Harry *usually edits 'TeenLink'* but today *he is listening to his new CD*.
- 2 On Monday afternoon, Lucy but today
- 3 On Monday afternoon, Mrs Hardy but today
- 4 On Monday afternoon, Peter but today
- 5 On Monday afternoon, Beth but today
- 3 On Monday afternoon, Mr Davis but today

7 Read the information.

State verbs

We usually use the present simple, not the present continuous with state verbs.

Here are some common state verbs:

believe, belong, cost, feel, hate, have (= possess), hear, know, like, love, need, prefer, remember, see, smell, taste, think, understand, want

I don't believe you! ✓

~~*I'm not believing you.*~~

What do you want? ✓

~~*What are you wanting?*~~

Does he have a bike? ✓

~~*Is he having a bike?*~~

8 Circle the correct answer.

- 1 Bella loves / is loving milk.
- 2 Why do you look / are you looking at me?
- 3 Do you remember / Are you remembering my friend Nikki?
- 4 Be quiet! I watch / I'm watching the news!
- 5 Cosmo hates / is hating dogs.
- 6 Listen to me! I talk / I'm talking to you!
- 7 What's this? What do you do / are you doing?
- 8 I'm sorry, I don't understand / I'm not understanding.

9 Complete with the present simple or present continuous.

- 1 A: What ¹ *are you doing* (you / do)?
 B: ² (make) some sandwiches. Jen's here – and we're both really hungry!
 A: Oh. Well, I ³ (go) to the supermarket. ⁴ (you / need) anything?
 B: Yes. Could you get us some orange juice? No, wait. Jen ⁵ (not like) orange juice – can you get us two cans of cola?
 A: OK.
- 2 A: I ⁶ (not understand) how this program works. Can you help me?
 B: I'm sorry, I can't. I'm late. Tim ⁷ (wait) for me downstairs. Ask Dad to help you. He's in the living room – he ⁸ (read) his newspaper.
 A: Dad can't help me. He ⁹ (not know) anything about computers!

10 Read and complete with the present simple or present continuous.



TeenLink

Star News by Beth Banks

Jennifer Cash, the famous pop star, is in our town! The 18-year-old singer ¹ *is staying* (stay) at the Fairview Hotel near the lake for a few days with her family. 'I ² (not work) at the moment', Jennifer says. 'I ³ just (enjoy) my free time!' When she's at work, Jennifer ⁴ (have) a busy day. She ⁵ (usually / get up) at seven o'clock in the morning and she ⁶ (run) in the park for one hour. Then she ⁷ (spend) all day at the studio with her band. 'I ⁸ (usually / not have) enough time for myself!' she says 'But now that I'm on holiday, I ⁹ (take) riding lessons. Oh, and the hotel chef ¹⁰ (teach) me how to make chocolate brownies. I ¹¹ (love) cooking!'

Writing practice

11 Write about your favourite film star / pop star. Use some of these ideas and your own ideas.

work on a new film / TV series / album
 read / write a book
 spend a few days in ... / with ...
 take ... lessons
 learn how to play (the guitar / golf)

STAR NEWS

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