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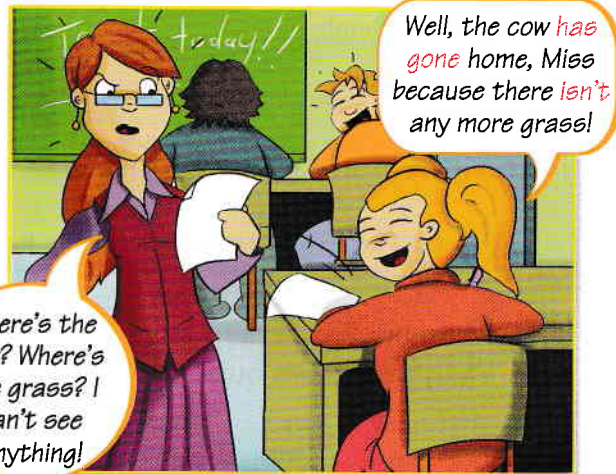
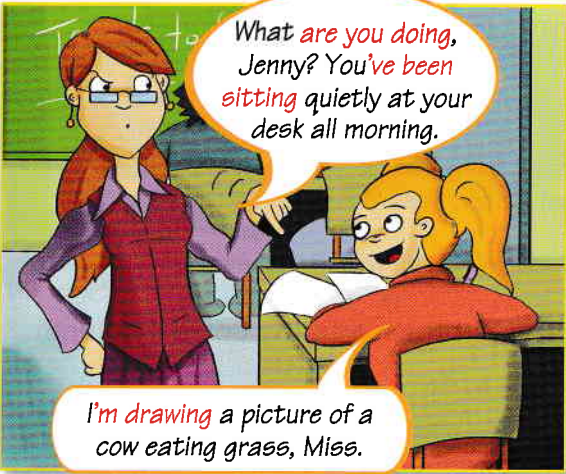
English Grammar Practice

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Listen and repeat. Then act out.



Present Simple	Present Continuous	Present Perfect	Present Perfect Continuous
<p>permanent situations or states <i>She works as a nurse.</i> <i>She owns a large shop.</i></p>	<p>temporary situations <i>They're staying at the Park Hotel at present.</i></p>	<p>recently completed actions <i>She has tidied her room.</i> (She has finished tidying her room. You can see it is tidy now – evidence in the present.)</p>	<p>actions started in the past and continuing up to the present <i>He's been writing a letter for two hours.</i> (He started two hours ago and he's still writing.)</p>
<p>repeated / habitual actions (especially with frequency adverbs: often, usually, etc.) <i>I usually get up at 7:30 am.</i></p>	<p>actions happening at or around the moment of speaking <i>She is looking for a better job.</i></p>	<p>actions which happened at an unstated time in the past and are connected with the present <i>He has lost his keys.</i> (He is still looking for them.)</p>	<p>past actions of certain duration having visible results or effects in the present <i>She's been crying.</i> (Her eyes are red.)</p>
<p>permanent truths or laws of nature <i>Money doesn't buy happiness.</i> <i>Water freezes at 0°C.</i></p>	<p>repeated actions with 'always' expressing annoyance or criticism <i>She's always interrupting me!</i></p>	<p>personal experiences / change that has happened over a period of time <i>I've lost weight.</i></p>	<p>actions expressing anger, irritation, annoyance, explanation or criticism <i>Who has been using my hairbrush?</i> (annoyance)</p>
<p>timetables / programmes (future meaning) <i>The match finishes at 7:45 pm.</i> <i>The plane leaves at 6:05 am.</i></p>	<p>fixed arrangements in the near future <i>The Browns are visiting us tonight.</i> (It's all arranged.)</p>	<p>emphasis on number <i>She's written three letters since this morning.</i> <i>She has spoken to two clients since 12 o'clock.</i></p>	<p>emphasis on duration (usually with for, since or how long) <i>They have been speaking in his office for the last hour.</i></p>
<p>reviews / sports commentaries / dramatic narratives <i>Angelina Jolie acts brilliantly in this film.</i></p>	<p>changing or developing situations <i>His English is getting better.</i></p>	<p>Note: live, feel and work can be used either in the present perfect or the present perfect continuous with no difference in meaning. <i>I've been living / I've lived in Rome for a year.</i></p>	

Time expressions used with:	
Present Simple	every day / week / month / year, usually, often, always, rarely, never, sometimes, in the morning / evening / afternoon, at night, on Mondays, etc.
Present Continuous	now, at the moment, at present, nowadays, today, tonight, always, still, etc.
Present Perfect	just, ever, never, already, yet (negations & questions), always, how long, so far, recently, since (= from a starting point in the past), for (= over a period of time), today, this week / month, etc.
Present Perfect Continuous	how long, for, since

1 Write the 3rd person singular of the verbs and put them into the correct column. Then read them out.

get	play	buy	drop	say	write	dry	reach	smash	drive
watch	fly	go	kiss	cry	mix	sneeze	pay	try	
+ s		-ss, -sh, -ch, -x, -o + es			vowel + y + s		consonant + y → -ies		
gets,		watches,			plays,		flies,		

2 Add -ing to the following verbs and put them into the correct column. Then read them out.

listen	use	bring	tie	hope	die	come	put
lie	rub	run	dive	go	cry	travel	
+ ing		-ie → y + ing		-e → ing		double consonant + ing	
listening,		lying,		using,		rubbing,	

3 Write the past participle of the following verbs.

1 break ... <i>broken</i> ...	3 swim	5 bring	7 write
2 meet	4 finish	6 send	8 read

4 Match the sentences (1–10) to the correct description (a–j).

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| 1 He drinks a litre of milk every day. | a emphasis on duration |
| 2 Milk contains a lot of vitamins. | b temporary situation |
| 3 He is getting stronger. | c repeated action expressing annoyance |
| 4 She has just passed her exams. | d emphasis on number |
| 5 She is having a party at the moment. | e habitual action |
| 6 He has been working all day. | f recently completed action |
| 7 She has phoned him three times this morning. | g permanent truth |
| 8 He is always borrowing money from me. | h changing or developing situation |
| 9 Her feet are aching. She has been walking all morning. | i fixed arrangement in the near future |
| 10 They are getting married next week. | j past action of certain duration having visible results in the present |

1 <i>e</i>	3	5	7	9
2	4	6	8	10

- 5 Complete the advertisement with the verbs in brackets. Use the *present simple* or the *present continuous*.

Adopt an Animal

TODAY



The Animal Adoption Society 1) ... *needs* ...
(need) your help! At the moment, we
 2) **(have)** more
 than 20 dogs and 35 cats that desperately
 need a home. We 3)
(look) for people who 4)
(love) animals and who 5) **(take)** good
 care of pets. 6) **(you/want)** to
 adopt one of our adorable animals? We 7)
(have) an open day this weekend. Please come! Adoption
 8) **(be)** completely free!

- 6 Fill in with the *present simple* or the *present continuous*.

Claire: Hi, Mum. It's me!
 Mum: Claire! What a lovely surprise! 1) ... *Are you calling* ... **(you/call)** from work?
 Claire: Yes. I 2) **(be)** on my lunch break at the moment.
 Mum: Is everything all right? You 3) **(usually/not call)** me from work.
 Claire: Everything's fine! I just want you to know that Sarah and I 4) **(come)** home this weekend. I 5) **(book)** our train tickets online right now.
 Mum: Wonderful!
 Claire: Our train 6) **(leave)** London at 5:15 pm and 7) **(arrive)** in Liverpool at 7:45 pm.
 Mum: Great. See you soon then!

Adverbs of Frequency

- Adverbs of frequency tell us **how often** something happens.
- Adverbs of frequency (**always, usually, often, sometimes, seldom/rarely, never**, etc.) come before the main verb (**read, work**, etc.) but after the verb **to be**, auxiliary verbs (**do, have**, etc.) or modal verbs (**can, should**, etc.). However, adverbs of frequency go before auxiliary verbs in short answers.

Tina **often goes** skiing at the weekend.
 Ben **is sometimes** rude to other people.
 You **can always** call me if you need help.

"Do you help your mum with the housework?"
 "Yes, I **usually do**."

- The adverbs **never, seldom** and **rarely** have a negative meaning and are never used with the word **not**. I rarely go to bed late. (NOT: ~~I rarely don't go~~ ...)

7 Read about Layla's daily routine and make sentences as in the example. Use adverbs of frequency (*always, often, sometimes, rarely, never*).



Layla's Daily Routine

- go to school by bike Monday to Thursday, walk to school on Friday
- wear casual clothes at school
- do homework every afternoon
- go swimming after school Monday to Thursday
- walk the dog after dinner Monday to Wednesday

- 1 Layla ... *rarely walks* ... to school.
- 2 She a uniform at school.
- 3 She her homework in the afternoon.
- 4 She swimming after school.
- 5 She after dinner.

8 Form questions then answer them.

- 1 you / always / go to the cinema on Saturdays?
Do you always go to the cinema on Saturdays? Yes, I do. / No, I don't.
- 2 your family / often / eat out?

- 3 you / usually / have dinner at 8:00 pm?

- 4 you / often / hang out with your friends?

- 5 your dad / usually / wash the dishes?

Stative Verbs

Verbs describing a permanent state (stative verbs) do not normally have continuous forms. These are:

- **verbs of the senses:** see, hear, smell, feel, taste, etc. (We often use *can* or *could* with these verbs.) *Can you see that tall boy over there?*

However, the verbs *look, watch* and *listen* express deliberate actions and can be used in continuous forms. *Be quiet please! I'm listening to the news. BUT I can't hear you. Can you speak louder, please?*

Note: The verbs *feel* and *hurt* can be used in either continuous or simple forms.

A: *How are you feeling today? / How do you feel today?*

B: *My leg is hurting. / My leg hurts.*

- **verbs of opinion:** agree, believe, consider, etc. *I believe he's telling the truth.*
- **verbs of emotion:** feel, forgive, hate, like, love, etc. *Harry likes rock music.*
- **other verbs:** appear (= seem), be, belong, fit (= be the right shape and size for sth), have (= possess), know, look (= appear), need, prefer, require, want, weigh, wish, etc. *He knows where Peter is. (NOT: is knowing)*

Some stative verbs (**see, smell, taste, feel, think, have, etc.**) have continuous forms but there is a difference in meaning.

State	Action
<i>I think she's rich.</i> (= I believe)	<i>I'm thinking about your offer.</i> (= I'm considering)
<i>The milk tastes awful.</i> (= has a flavour)	<i>He's tasting the sauce; it might need some salt.</i> (= he's trying its flavour)
<i>He has a pet dog.</i> (= he owns)	<i>He's having problems at work at the moment.</i> (= experiencing)
<i>This cloth feels like velvet.</i> (= has the texture)	<i>She's feeling her way in the dark.</i> (= she's finding her way)
<i>I see you're in trouble.</i> (= I understand)	<i>I'm seeing my lawyer tonight.</i> (= I'm visiting)
<i>The kitchen smells of burnt meat.</i> (= has the scent of)	<i>Why are you smelling the food?</i> (= inhaling the odour of)
<i>He comes from Spain.</i> (= he was born in)	<i>He's coming from Spain.</i> (= he's travelling from)
<i>I love holidays.</i> (in general)	<i>I'm loving this holiday.</i> (= I'm enjoying; specific)
<i>Your hair looks great.</i> (= it appears)	<i>She's looking at some old photographs.</i> (= she's examining)
<i>The baby weighs 5 kilos.</i> (= it is)	<i>I'm weighing myself on my new scales.</i> (= I'm finding out my weight)
<i>Ann is very tall.</i> (= has the quality)	<i>Ann is being very kind to me these days.</i> (= she's behaving)

9 Underline the correct item.

- I see / am seeing that the situation is out of control.
- The sausages **are tasting** / **taste** delicious.
- Do you enjoy** / **Are you enjoying** the party?
- You haven't said a word all morning. What **are you thinking** / **do you think** about?
- He **has** / **is having** a Siamese cat.
- These flowers **are smelling** / **smell** nice.
- I **don't know** / **am not knowing** where she keeps the keys.
- These silk sheets **feel** / **are feeling** lovely and smooth.
- Why **do you smell** / **are you smelling** the milk? Do you think it has gone off?
- Anna is Italian. She **is coming** / **comes** from Italy.
- That dress **looks** / **is looking** nice on you.
- If you **don't look** / **aren't looking** at that comic book, I'd like to see it.
- The doctor **weighs** / **is weighing** the baby.
- Mary **is** / **is being** very naughty these days.

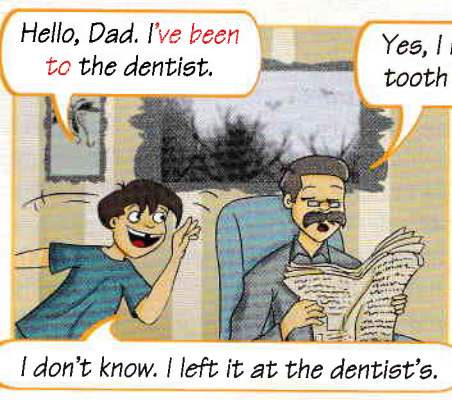
10 Put the verbs in brackets into the present simple or the present continuous.

- A: I*'m thinking*..... (**think**) about going to see *Green Day* in concert next month.
B: Great! I (**think**) they're the best. I'll come with you.
- A: Why (**you/weigh**) yourself?
B: I want to see if I (**weigh**) enough for my height.
- A: Your baby brother (**be**) adorable!
B: Yes, but today he (**be**) really naughty. He keeps drawing on the wall.
- A: I see you (**have**) a new mobile phone.
B: Yes, but I (**have**) problems with it at the moment.
- A: Why (**you/taste**) the soup? It's not ready yet.
B: To see if it (**taste**) sweet enough for the children.
- A: Do you know where Mike (**come**) from?
B: He's from Glasgow. Actually, he's there at the moment but he (**come**) back tomorrow.
- A: I (**see**) Charlotte has toothache.
B: Yes. She's in a lot of pain. She (**see**) her dentist this afternoon, though.



Listen and repeat. Then act out.

Have gone to / Have been to / Have been in



He **has gone to** Brussels. (= He's there or on his way to Brussels.)
 He **has been to** Brussels once. (= He's visited Brussels but he's back now.)
 He **has been in** Brussels for two months. (= He's in Brussels now.)

11 Fill in: *has / have gone to, has / have been in / to.*

Editor: Where's Stevens? I haven't seen him for days.
 Secretary: He 1) *has gone to* LA to interview Brad Pitt.
 Editor: How long 2) he LA?
 Secretary: Three days.
 Editor: What about Milton and Knowles?
 Secretary: They 3) London. They're going to interview Keira Knightley.
 Editor: 4) anyone Spain to talk to Penelope Cruz?
 Secretary: Smith 5) her country house. He interviewed her there yesterday. He's coming back today.

12 Complete with the *present perfect* or the *present perfect continuous*.

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| <p>1 A: Hi, Anna. Are you coming to play tennis now?
 B: Sorry, <i>I haven't finished my homework yet</i>.
 (not finish / homework / yet)</p> <p>2 A: Where's Ben?
 B:
 (go / to the dentist's)</p> <p>3 A: Where are you going on holiday this year?
 B: France.
 (be there / twice). I really love it!</p> | <p>4 A: Why are your clothes so dirty?
 B:
 (play rugby / for two hours)</p> <p>5 A: Lucy looks very tired.
 B: Yes,
 (work hard / since 9:30 this morning)</p> <p>6 A: Are your parents at home?
 B: No,
 (go to the cinema / with friends)</p> |
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13 Fill in: *yet, since, for, tonight, often or how long.*

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| <p>1 Adam is flying to Rome <i>tonight</i>.</p> <p>2 She hasn't met Cathy</p> <p>3 I haven't seen him last week.</p> | <p>4 have you been working here?</p> <p>5 She cooks exotic dishes.</p> <p>6 Pablo has been in Lisbon four years.</p> |
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14 Complete the letter below using the *present perfect* or the *present perfect continuous* form of the verbs in brackets.

Dear Joanna,

I'm sorry to hear that you 1) *haven't been* (not/be) well recently. I hope you're feeling better now. As you know, I 2) (not/exercise) for the last few months and of course, I 3) (put on) some weight. Anyway, I 4) (decide) that I really want to lose weight and get fit at the same time, so I 5) (join) the new gym in Greenstone Park. It's got excellent facilities! I 6) (be) there several times and I really enjoy it. I 7) (make) some new friends there, too! What else? Well, Rebecca and I 8) (study) really hard for the last two weeks because we have a Maths exam tomorrow.

That's all for now. 9) (you/think) about where you want to go on holiday this summer? Maybe we can go together!

Best wishes,

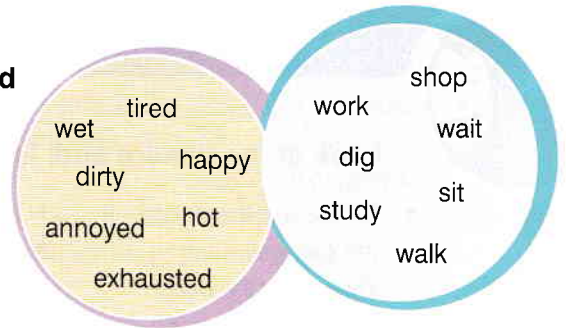
Paula

15 Use the adjectives and the verbs to ask and answer questions as in the example:

A: *I'm exhausted.*

B: *Have you been working hard?*

A: *Yes, I have.*



16 Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space.

Robinson Crusoe has been stuck on a desert island for the past six months. Here is a letter he wrote and put in a bottle:

Dear Anybody,

I 1) *D* been on this island 2) six months now. It is a miracle that I 3) for this long. I 4) fish and fruit since I got here. Fortunately, I haven't seen any dangerous animals 5) When I arrived here the weather was fine but it 6) continuously for the past two weeks. I've built a shelter out of sticks and leaves, which is really quite cosy. My main problem is loneliness as I haven't 7) to anyone for so long. I've been thinking of building a boat and trying to escape. Please help me.

R. Crusoe

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|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 1 A am | B is | C was | D have |
| 2 A since | B for | C just | D already |
| 3 A survive | B 'm surviving | C 've survived | D 've been surviving |
| 4 A 've been eating | B 'm eating | C eat | D 've eaten |
| 5 A often | B usually | C yet | D always |
| 6 A 's raining | B 's rained | C rains | D 's been raining |
| 7 A speak | B spoken | C speaks | D spoke |

17 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct present forms.

Dear Janet,
 How are you? I 1) ... *in writing* ... (write) to you from Hawaii. The hotel we 2) (stay) in is amazing!
 It's very hot here and we 3) (have) a great time. Today, we 4) (be) all at the beach. Right now, my sisters, Carla and Daniela, 5) (build) a sandcastle. Mum and Dad 6) (play) beach volley for over an hour and Giovanni, my brother, 7) (just/go) diving with his friends. They 8) (go) diving every day. So far, I 9) (try) windsurfing. It's really thrilling!
 We 10) (not/do) much sightseeing yet but tomorrow we 11) (go) on a trip round the island. We're all looking forward to it.
 See you soon.
 Luisa

Speaking Activity

(describing a picture)

Look at the picture and, in pairs, discuss it.

- Where are the people in the picture?
They are at the beach.
- What / they / wear?
- What / they / do?
- What / weather / be like?
- How / they / feel?
- you / ever / be ...?
- Where / you like / go on holiday?



Writing Activity

Imagine you are on holiday. Write an email to your English pen friend. In your email write:

- where you are
- who you are with
- where you are staying
- what the weather is like
- what you have / haven't done

Use Ex. 17 as a model.

Dear,
 How are you? I from We're staying at
 The weather here is Right now, Mum and Dad I It's so exciting!
 We yet but we Tomorrow, we We're looking forward to it.
 See you soon.

Phrasal Verbs

break down:

- stop working (of cars, engines, machines, etc.)
- lose control of feelings (of people)

break into (+ object):

- enter by force
- start doing sth suddenly (laughter, etc.)

break out:

- begin suddenly (war, fire, etc.)
- escape from a place

break up: stop for holidays (of schools, etc.)

1 Fill in the correct particle.

- 1 Our school usually breaks *up* for the summer in July.
- 2 My car broke on the motorway and I had to walk to a garage.
- 3 When they saw the clown, the children broke laughter.
- 4 The man managed to break of prison early this morning.
- 5 The fire broke in the kitchen and quickly spread to the rest of the building.
- 6 After hearing the bad news, the girls broke and cried.

2 Look at Appendix 1 on page 206 and fill in the correct preposition.

- 1 She blamed him *for* the accident.
- 2 They arrived London at 7:30 pm.
- 3 I must apologise Mary the delay.
- 4 Sally was ashamed Mark's behaviour at the party.
- 5 He doesn't believe ghosts.
- 6 She is brilliant gymnastics.
- 7 He isn't aware the problem.
- 8 I am afraid snakes and spiders.
- 9 I am very annoyed John being so careless.
- 10 They were astonished the way Fred spoke to the manager.

Word Formation Nouns referring to people

- **verb + er / or / at** *teach – teacher, act – actor, lie – liar, employ – employer*
- **verb + ant / ent** *contest – contestant, study – student*
- **noun + an / ian** *republic – republican, library – librarian*
- **verb + ee** (passive meaning) *employ – employee*
- **noun / verb / adjective + ist** *art – artist, tour – tourist, national – nationalist*

3 Complete each of the sentences with a word formed from the word in bold.

- 1 The shop has a new ... *employee* ... (**employ**) on the second floor.
- 2 Did you know that George has started work as a (**library**) at the university?
- 3 The professor doesn't want more than six (**study**) in each study group.
- 4 I'm going to be a (**contest**) in a TV quiz show next week!
- 5 I think that Leonardo DiCaprio is a fantastic (**act**).
- 6 She wants to be a professional (**art**) when she finishes university.
- 7 Abraham Lincoln was the first (**republic**) president of the USA.
- 8 Our (**teach**), Mrs Wilson, has been ill for two weeks.
- 9 I've just found a camera. I think it belongs to the (**tour**) over there.
- 10 The (**burgle**) got into the house through the kitchen window.

In Other Words ...

I've never eaten pizza before.
It's the first time I've ever eaten pizza.

I've never read such a good book.
It's the best book I've ever read.

4 Rephrase the following sentences using the words in bold.

- She has never been on TV before.
first *It's the first time she has ever been on TV.*
- She has never heard such a funny story.
funniest
- It's the first time she has ever read Tolstoy.
never
- It's the worst headache she's ever had.
bad
- He's never played cricket before.
ever

5 Here are some sentences about Lisa's neighbour, Stella. For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use no more than three words.

- | | |
|---|--|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Stella is the kindest person I know.
I <i>have never met</i> such a kind person as Stella. Stella owns two pet dogs.
Stella two pet dogs. There's a party at Stella's house next Friday.
Stella a party at her house next Friday. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Stella hasn't finished sending the invitations yet.
Stella is the invitations. Stella has an appointment with the DJ at 10 am.
Stella is the DJ at 10 am. Stella is wearing a nice perfume today.
Stella's perfume nice. |
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Idioms

- be on good terms (with sb):** be friendly (with sb)

- be in a good mood:** feel happy

- be broke:** have no money at all

- do one's best:** try as hard as possible

- do sb a favour:** do sth to help sb

- do (sth) for a living:** have a job and earn money

6 Fill in the correct idiom.

- "What do you *do for a living*?" "I work as a nurse."
- After the divorce, they didn't talk for months but now they with each other.
- I'm going to the bank to ask for a loan because I
- Although he, he didn't win the race.
- Could you? If you're going out, could you buy some milk?
- Now's a good time to ask for a pay rise because the boss