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Present Simple • Present Continuous • Passive
Opposite adjectives • Phrasal verbs – *look* and *be*

Get happy!

Present Simple

1 Lives around the world

Look at the photographs. Then match the paragraphs with the people and put them in order.



Thirteen-year-old **Maria Hernandez** lives with her family in Tuluca, Mexico.

Vichai is 18. He lives in a town house with his family in Bangkok, Thailand.

Uma Singh and her husband **Sanjit** run a small corner shop in a suburb of New York.

- 1 **His older sister** also lives at home. Their house is near the university, where he is in the second year of an engineering course. Lessons start at eight in the morning and go on until three in the afternoon, Monday till Friday. When he graduates, he wants to be a civil engineer.
- 2 **'My father** works in a car factory and my mother is a housewife. I'm the youngest of three children. We live in a small block of flats with five other families in the old part of town.'
- 3 I usually have boiled rice for breakfast. Then at lunchtime I have chicken with fried rice or a bowl of noodles. I have lunch in the university cafeteria. In the evening I always eat with my family. My mother cooks. Her food's the best in the whole world!'

- 4 'Shops like these are like community meeting places. People come here to drink coffee, buy a newspaper or pass on messages. We even cash cheques for those people who don't have time to go to the bank.'
- 5 It takes her about 20 minutes to walk to school, but she usually goes by bus. Her school has a lot of students, with 30 or 40 girls and boys in each class.
- 6 At the weekend he earns some extra money teaching computer studies at a private computer school. He enjoys playing *takraw*, a Thai game played with a light ball made of rattan, which you can hit with your foot, knee, elbow or heel, but not your hand. He loves living in Bangkok, but he hates the traffic jams, which get worse every year.

- 7 'I go to school from Monday to Friday. Classes start at 8 a.m. and go on until 2 p.m. Our teachers speak Spanish and English. My school doesn't provide lunch so everybody brings a packed lunch. Sometimes I don't like school, but I have to study hard because I want to be an architect one day.'
- 8 **It sells** all sorts of food and household goods from sandwiches to washing-up liquid, from magazines to coffee and nails. 'We offer a huge range of products. It's like three or four shops rolled into one.'
- 9 The hours are very long. The shop opens at 6 a.m. and doesn't close until 11 p.m., except on Sunday when it's open from 8.30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Their whole lives are controlled by the shop. 'There are a lot of things we can't do any more. We don't go to the movies and we don't visit our friends at the weekend. But it's the long hours that make the money.'

2 Sentence completion

Complete the sentences about the people in exercise 1.



Uma and Sanjit

- 1 Uma and Sanjit **run** a shop.
- 2 They _____ all sorts of food and household goods.
- 3 Most days the shop _____ until 11 p.m.
- 4 They _____ their friends any more.



Maria

- 5 Maria _____ one brother and one sister.
- 6 It _____ her 20 minutes to walk to school.
- 7 She _____ school at 2 p.m.
- 8 Her school _____ lunch.



Vichai

- 9 'When I _____, I _____ to be a civil engineer.'
- 10 'I _____ lunch in the university cafeteria.'
- 11 'I _____ extra money teaching computer studies.'
- 12 'I _____ the traffic in Bangkok.'

3 Questions

- 1 **T 2.1** Look at the answers to some questions about the people in exercise 1. Write the questions.

- 1 _____ ?
All sorts of food and household goods.
- 2 _____ ?
Six o'clock in the morning.
- 3 Why _____ movies any more?
Because they work such long hours.
- 4 _____ ?
In a car factory.
- 5 _____ ?
In a small block of flats.
- 6 _____ ?
Thirty to forty.
- 7 _____ ?
Spanish and English.
- 8 _____ ?
By bus.
- 9 _____ ?
She wants to be an architect.
- 10 Who _____ live _____ ?
With his parents and his sister.
- 11 _____ ?
Takraw.
- 12 _____ ?
Yes, he loves it, but he hates the traffic.

4 Negatives

Complete the sentences with a negative form of a verb plus the words in brackets.

- 1 Vegetarians **don't eat meat**. (meat)
- 2 An atheist _____. (God)
- 3 In Britain, police officers _____. (guns)
- 4 Selfish people _____. (other people)
- 5 Real Madrid football players _____. (red)
- 6 I'm unemployed. I _____. (job)
- 7 My father's bald. He _____. (hair)
- 8 They're penniless. _____. (money)
- 9 Kangaroos _____. (Mexico)

Pronunciation revision

5 -s at the end of a word



T 2.2 Remember the rules for the pronunciation of -s at the end of a word. This applies to the third person singular in the Present Simple and to plural nouns.

1 If the word ends in /s/, /z/, /ʃ/, /tʃ/, or /dʒ/, the final -s is pronounced /ɪz/.

misses	buses	chooses	sizes
washes	dishes	watches	matches
manages	badges		

2 If the word ends in /p/, /t/, /k/, /f/, or /θ/, the final -s is pronounced /s/.

stops	ships	hits	pets
attacks	bricks	laughs	coughs
maths			

3 If the word ends in /b/, /d/, /g/, /v/, /ð/, /l/, /m/, /n/, /ŋ/, or any vowel sound, the final -s is pronounced /z/.

stabs	hands	bags	leaves
breathes	hills	trams	earns
goes	news	wears	songs

T 2.3 The words in the box all appeared in the text about the people in exercise 1. Put them in the correct column.

cheques	girls	places	boys
lives	hours	earns	products
loves	minutes	closes	graduates
lessons	wants	messages	hates
cooks	sandwiches	things	

/s/	/z/	/ɪz/
<u>cheques</u>	<u>girls</u>	<u>places</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Present states and actions

6 Present Simple and Present Continuous

Read about Liam. Then write about Rita, Sally and Graeme in the same way.

At work

Liam is an actor. He sometimes makes films and sometimes works in the theatre. He often acts in Shakespeare plays and wears beautiful costumes. He doesn't earn a lot of money because he isn't very well-known.

Now

At the moment, he isn't working. He's relaxing at home. He's wearing jeans and a T-shirt and drinking coffee. He's waiting for the phone to ring because he needs more work.

At work

Now

At work

Now

7 Present Simple or Present Continuous?

1 Is the verb form in the sentences correct (✓) or incorrect (✗)? Correct the wrong sentences.

- 1 I'm thinking you should go to the dentist.
- 2 What are you thinking of doing on Saturday?
- 3 Why do you leave so early? Don't you enjoy the party?
- 4 Nobody is ever laughing at my husband's jokes. It's so embarrassing.
- 5 I don't believe a word he says. He always tells lies.
- 6 We're seeing our bank manager at half past two.
- 7 I'm not seeing how I can help you.
- 8 Does this train stop at Oxford?
- 9 He's never knowing the answer.

2 **T 2.4** Put the verbs in the correct form, Present Simple or Present Continuous.

Conversation 1

- A What (1) _____ (that man/do) over there?
 B He (2) _____ (wait) for the bank to open.
 A But the banks (3) _____ (not open) on Saturday afternoons.
 B (4) _____ (you/think) he's a bank robber? Watch out! He
 (5) _____ (take) something out of his pocket. He
 (6) _____ (walk) towards us!
 C Excuse me. Could you tell me the time, please?

Conversation 2

- A What (7) _____ (you/do)?
 B I (8) _____ (pack) my suitcase. I (9) _____ (leave) you
 and this house.
 A But I (10) _____ (not/understand). Where (11) _____
 (you/go)?
 B I (12) _____ (not/know). The only thing I (13) _____
 (know) is that Peter (14) _____ (meet) me at the airport at
 six o'clock.

3 Complete the pairs of sentences with the verb in brackets. Use the Present Simple for one and the Present Continuous for the other.

- 1 I _____ (think) of having a party.
 I _____ (think) that's a great idea!
- 2 _____ you _____ (see) what I mean?
 What time _____ you _____ (see) the doctor?
- 3 They _____ (have) a fantastic house.
 They _____ (have) a fantastic holiday.

Liam, actor



Rita, basketball coach



Graeme and Sally, organic gardeners



8 Adverbs of frequency

Are the adverbs of frequency in the correct (✓) or incorrect (✗) places? Correct the wrong sentences.

- Do usually you sit here?
Do you usually sit here?
- I have always liked Peter.
- Never I have anything to eat in the morning.
- I usually take my daughter to school.
- I go sometimes abroad on business.
- I have never enough money.
- We often have tests in class.
- Our teacher gives us always too much homework.
- Sonja always is late for class.

Present passive

9 Past participles

Rewrite the sentences in the passive.

- They speak English here.
English is spoken here.
- They produce Nokia phones in Finland.

- They include service in the bill.

- We are redecorating our kitchen at the moment.

- They make champagne in France.

- Another company is taking over our company.

- The company employs about 1,000 people.

- We grow all our vegetables on the farm.

- They are pulling down that block of flats because it is unsafe.

- They deliver our newspapers before breakfast.

10 Active or passive?

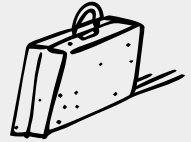
T 2.5 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs, Present Simple active or passive.

Catching a plane

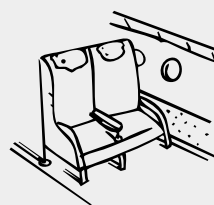


WHEN you (1) _____ (arrive) at an airport, you should go straight to the check-in desk where your ticket and luggage (2) _____ (check).

You (3) _____ (keep) your hand luggage with you but your suitcases (4) _____ (take) to the plane on a conveyor belt.



You can now go to the departure lounge. If you are on an international flight, your passport (5) _____ (check), and then your bags (6) _____ (x-ray) by security cameras; sometimes you (7) _____ (give) a body search and your luggage (8) _____ (search)



by a security officer. You (9) _____ (wait) in the departure lounge until your flight (10) _____ (call) and you (11) _____ (tell) which gate number to go to. Finally, you (12) _____ (board) your plane and you (13) _____ (show) to your seat by a flight attendant.



Vocabulary

11 Opposite adjectives

Complete the chart. Use a prefix (*un-*, *in-*, *im-*) in the first column and a word from the box in the second column.

sad	casual	cheap	arrogant
cruel	rude	wrong	strange/rare
boring	stupid	ugly	out-of-date

Adjective	Opposite (prefix + adjective)	Opposite (different word)
1 happy	<u>unhappy</u>	<u>sad</u>
2 polite	_____	_____
3 expensive	_____	_____
4 interesting	_____	_____
5 correct	_____	_____
6 attractive	_____	_____
7 fashionable	_____	_____
8 intelligent	_____	_____
9 usual	_____	_____
10 kind	_____	_____
11 formal	_____	_____
12 modest	_____	_____

Phrasal verbs

12 look and be

- 1 Look at the dictionary extracts of some phrasal verbs with *look*.

sb = somebody sth = something

look after (sb/sth) to be responsible for or take care of sb/sth: *I want to go back to work if I can find somebody to look after the children.*

look for (sb/sth) to try to find (sb/sth): *We looked for you everywhere. Where were you?* **look forward to sth/doing**

sth to wait with pleasure for sth to happen (because you expect to enjoy it): *We're really looking forward to our holiday.* **look**

out to be careful or to pay attention to sth dangerous, etc: *Look out! There's a car coming!* **look sth up** to search for information in a book: *to look up the times for trains to London.*

- 2 Complete the sentences using a phrasal verb with *look* in the correct tense.

- If I don't know the meaning of a word, I **look** it **up** in the dictionary.
- I'm _____ my glasses. Have you seen them?
- _____ ! That glass is going to fall!
- I _____ to seeing you next week.
- A** Do you know Kim's phone number?
B Sorry, I don't. You should _____ it _____ in the phone book.
- Babysitters _____ the children when the parents go out.

- 3 The verb *to be* is often followed by a particle to form a phrasal verb.

*Bye! I'm **off** to Australia for three weeks. (= I'm going ...)*

Complete the sentences with a particle from the box. Some are used more than once.

on	up	in	up to	off	away
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- A** Hello. Can I speak to Mr James, please?
B I'm sorry. He isn't _____ at the moment. Can I take a message?
- A** Hello. Can I speak to Ms Richards, please?
B I'm sorry. She's _____ on holiday at the moment.
- A** I feel like going to the cinema tonight.
B Good idea! What's _____ at the moment?
- I think this milk's _____. It smells horrid.
- A** Where shall we go for dinner?
B It's _____ you. It's your birthday. You choose.
- Come on, kids! Aren't you _____ yet? Breakfast's on the table.
- I wonder why they aren't answering the door. There must be someone _____. All the lights are _____.
- I must be _____ soon. I want to get to the shops before they close.
- A** Why isn't my computer working?
B Because the screen's _____. That's why.
- A** You're crying. What's _____ ?
B I'm just a bit sad. That's all.