

## Vocabulary

## TV, films and games

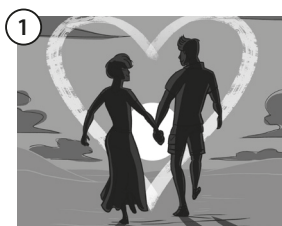
1 ☆ Complete the types of films, TV programmes or games with the missing vowels.

- 1 sp o r t s p r o g r a m m e                    P  
 2 m \_ s \_ c \_ l                                    \_  
 3 t r \_ v \_ l s h \_ w                              \_  
 4 \_ c t \_ \_ n f \_ l m                              \_  
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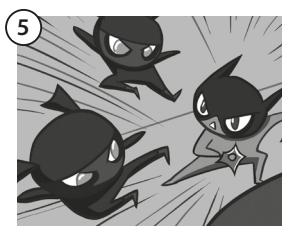
2 ☆ Write F (film), P (TV programme) or G (game) next to the words in exercise 1.

3 ☆ Look at the screens and write the types of film, programme or game. Use the words in the box.

cartoon    cookery programme    romantic film  
 role-playing game    science-fiction film  
 talent show



romantic film



4 ☆☆ Complete the comments with the types of film, programme or game.

### What are you watching at the moment?

There's a great **1** *drama* \_\_\_\_\_ *series* \_\_\_\_\_ on Channel 7. It's all about a large school in Manhattan where the students decide to change the rules. **Megan**

Cool! We watch a lot of **2** \_\_\_\_\_ because they're exciting and you never know what's going to happen until the end. **Jenna**

I'm watching The Avengers at the moment. It's a series of **3** \_\_\_\_\_ m \_\_\_\_\_ about a group of friends (Iron Man, the Hulk, Captain America) who save the world. **Paddy**

Nice one Paddy! I love frightening films, so when I'm free, I watch **4** h \_\_\_\_\_ f \_\_\_\_\_. **Jules**

My friends and I prefer playing games. There's a new **5** a \_\_\_\_\_ g \_\_\_\_\_ where you need to save a city from disaster. At the moment, we're playing a **6** s \_\_\_\_\_ g \_\_\_\_\_ together – we have to catch some more snakes before we can go to the next level. **Chris**

I agree Chris! Games are exciting, but watching my favourite football team on a **7** s \_\_\_\_\_ p \_\_\_\_\_ is cool too! **Zoë**

Do any of you guys watch **8** t \_\_\_\_\_ s \_\_\_\_\_? The final of Star of the Show is on tonight and I'm sure that dance group are going to win. **Ellie**

5 ☆☆☆ Complete the sentences for you.

- 1 My favourite TV programme is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 It's a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 I think there are too many \_\_\_\_\_ on TV.  
 I would like more \_\_\_\_\_ on TV.
- 3 I like watching \_\_\_\_\_ films, but I don't like \_\_\_\_\_ films.
- 4 I think playing video games is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

## Present simple

1 ☆ Complete the text with the present simple affirmative form of the verbs in brackets.

Hi, I'm Lou and I 1 like (like) playing games. In my free time, I 2 \_\_\_\_\_ (try) new games for an online shop and they 3 \_\_\_\_\_ (give) me free games. My brother 4 \_\_\_\_\_ (help) me with the role-playing games because he 5 \_\_\_\_\_ (love) them. My brother also 6 \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a lot of films and 7 \_\_\_\_\_ (write) reviews on his blog. His blog 8 \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a lot of followers.



2 ☆☆ Correct the information.

- My sister uploads videos on YouTube. (Instagram)  
My sister doesn't upload videos on YouTube.  
She uploads videos on Instagram.
- My school has a film-making club. (a game-making club)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- We make documentaries in our English class. (cartoons)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- My parents like watching talent shows. (travel shows)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- You listen to music on the radio. (your phone)  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Adverbs and expressions of frequency

3 ☆ Complete the table with the words in the box.

always four times a day five times a week  
hardly ever never often once a year  
sometimes three times a month twice a day  
usually

	General	Specific
Most frequent		four times a day
Least frequent	never	

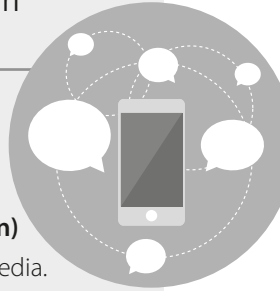
4 ☆☆ Put the words in brackets in the correct place in each sentence.



Many teenagers say they spend too much time on their smartphones. What about you? Are these sentences true in your life?

*usually*

- They check their phones for messages when they wake up. (usually)
- Many of them do their homework and use social media at the same time. (often)
- A teenager's favourite activity is social media. (hardly ever)
- Girls write about their family on social media. (three times a week)
- And even some babies use tablets and smartphones. (once a day)
- Parents are too busy to talk because they're on their phones. (sometimes)



5 ☆☆☆ Write complete questions with the present simple.

- How often / you and your friends / go to the cinema?  
How often do you and your friends go to the cinema?
- your grandma / use / a mobile phone?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- How often / you / watch TV?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- you / make your own videos?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- your friends / upload a lot of photos and videos on social media?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- How often / your best friend / listen to music?  
\_\_\_\_\_

6 ☆☆☆ Answer the questions in exercise 5 for you.

- We hardly ever go to the cinema. We watch films online.
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

## Phrases with prepositions: likes and dislikes

- 1 ☆ Write the phrases in the box in the correct group.

a big fan of interested in keen on mad about  
not mad about not really a fan of not really into  
not very good at not very interested in  
not very keen on quite good at really into



I like: I'm a big fan of,

\_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ ,

\_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ .



I don't like: I'm \_\_\_\_\_ ,

\_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ ,

\_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ .



I can: I'm \_\_\_\_\_ .



I can't: I'm \_\_\_\_\_ .

- 2 ☆☆ Complete the sentences with the prepositions in the box

about at in into of on

- My sister's mad about cartoons. She watches them on TV all the time.
- I'm not very interested \_\_\_\_\_ watching sports programmes, but I love playing sport.
- My friends are quite good \_\_\_\_\_ making videos. They won a competition last year.
- My family aren't really fans \_\_\_\_\_ horror films, so we usually watch something else.
- You're keen \_\_\_\_\_ rock music, but I prefer something quieter.
- I love romantic films, but my brother isn't really \_\_\_\_\_ them, so we usually watch action films.



- 3 ☆☆ Complete the sentences with one word.

### How much do you know about your favourite stars?

Emma Watson is really  
1 keen on  
banana bread but hates  
uncomfortable clothes.



Sabrina Carpenter can't eat apples or peaches,  
but she's 2 mad about Mexican food.

Taylor Swift is really 3 into her cats.  
She posts photos of them on Instagram.



Tennis player, Novak  
Djokovic's 4 keen  
in helping children. He  
even has his own charity.

Actress Natalie Portman is very 5 good  
at languages. She can speak English, French,  
German, Spanish, Japanese and Hebrew.

Millie Bobby Brown  
(Eleven from *Stranger  
Things*) is a big  
6 fan of  
Drake.



- 4 ☆☆☆ Write complete sentences.

1 I / not / really / into / shop / for clothes  
I'm not really into shopping for clothes.

2 My brother / quite good / sing

\_\_\_\_\_

3 We / interested / start a book club at school

\_\_\_\_\_

4 My parents / mad / old cars and motorbikes

\_\_\_\_\_

5 You / not / keen / travel / to other countries

\_\_\_\_\_

6 I / not really / fan / any football team

\_\_\_\_\_

- 5 ☆☆☆ Rewrite three of the sentences in exercise 4 so they are true for you.

1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

# Present simple and present continuous

1 ☆ Complete the table with the verbs in the present simple and continuous forms.

Verb	Present simple third person singular	Present continuous -ing form
1 play	<i>plays</i>	<i>playing</i>
2 make		
3 try		
4 study		
5 win		
6 go		
7 write		
8 listen		

2 ☆ Choose the correct options.

People say that teenagers **1 often spend/ are often spending** more time watching YouTube than TV. What about you?

I **2 love/'m loving** watching YouTubers – at the moment I **3 watch/'m watching** Jacob Sartorius. His YouTube channel **4 has/is having** millions of subscribers. ← ★

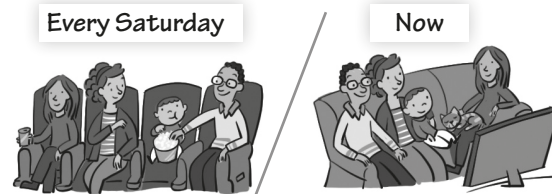
My friends and I **5 aren't/aren't being** into YouTube or using the Internet much. In our free time, we **6 usually go/are usually going** to the skate park. ← ★

I **7 hardly ever watch/'m hardly ever watching** TV – YouTube is much better. Right now I **8 look/'m looking** at some of Annie LeBlanc's videos. She **9 uploads/'s uploading** new ones once a week. Look at this one! She **10 talks/'s talking** to the star of *Kim Possible*. ← ★

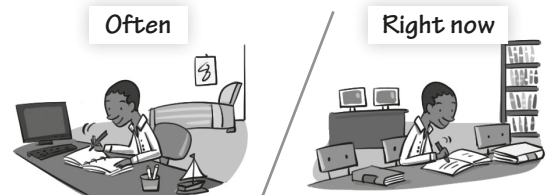
3 ☆☆ Write complete sentences in the present simple or present continuous.



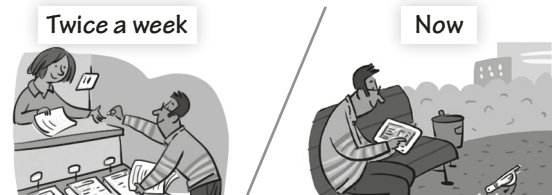
1 She / play video games / play football  
*She usually plays video games, but today she's playing football.*



2 We / go to the cinema / watch a film on TV



3 I / do homework at home / do it in the library

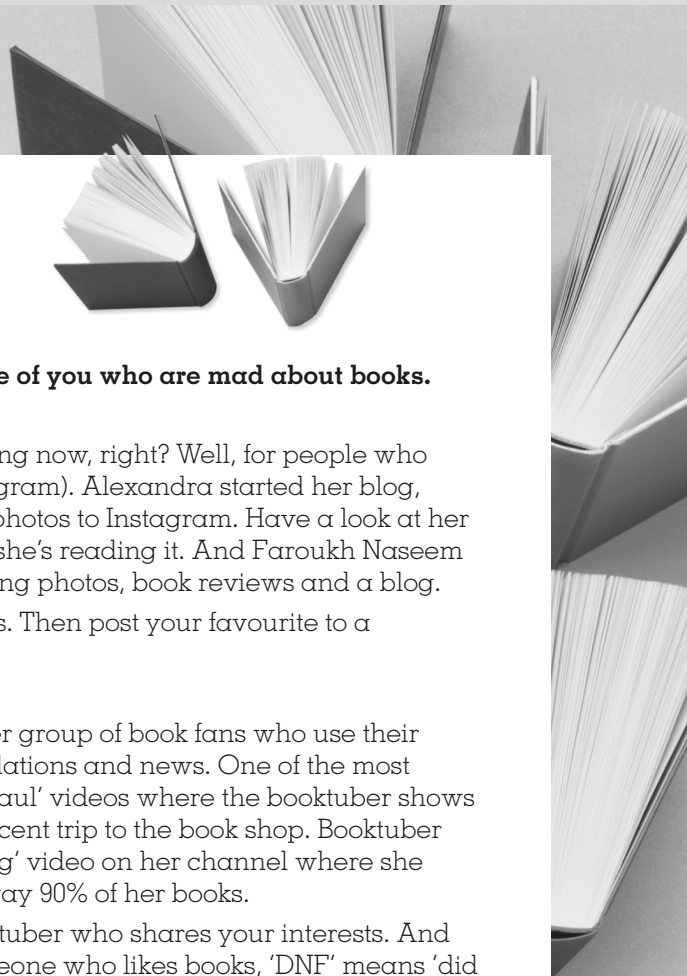


4 My grandpa / buy newspaper / read it online

4 ☆☆☆ Answer the questions for you.

- What do you usually do after school? What are you doing right now?
- What does your best friend usually do after school? What is he/she doing now?

# Social Media for Book Lovers



This week we're looking at two social media sites for those of you who are mad about books.

## Bookstagram

We all use Instagram to share cool photos of what we're doing now, right? Well, for people who are into books, there's Bookstagram (you can find it on Instagram). Alexandra started her blog, Twirling Pages, when she was just 16 and she uploads her photos to Instagram. Have a look at her profile to see what she's reading at the moment and where she's reading it. And Faroukh Naseem (theguywiththebook) creates content all about books including photos, book reviews and a blog.

**To get started:** use your phone to take pictures of your books. Then post your favourite to a bookstagram competition and wait for the 'likes'!

## BookTube

Among the millions of YouTube subscribers, there's a smaller group of book fans who use their own BookTube channels to share book reviews, recommendations and news. One of the most popular types of videos are 'haul' videos where the booktuber shows the books they bought on a recent trip to the book shop. Booktuber Monica Kim has an 'unhauling' video on her channel where she talks about how she threw away 90% of her books.

**To get started:** look for a booktuber who shares your interests. And remember a Book Lion is someone who likes books, 'DNF' means 'did not finish', and a 'shelfie' is a selfie with your bookshelf!



Someone who's into reading is called a 'bookworm'. If they're also mad about collecting books, they're a 'bibliophile'. And if you enjoy smelling books, 'bibliosmia' describes the smell of a good book!

### Subskill: Making and checking predictions

Before you read, look at any titles, headings or photos and think about what you're going to read about. Then read the complete text and check your ideas.

- 1 ☆ Look at the title, headings and photos. What are you going to read about? Put a tick (✓) or a cross (X) next to the ideas.

- two social media sites
- some famous people
- people who are fans of books
- how to make cool videos

- 2 ☆☆ 1 Read and listen to the article. Check your answers in exercise 1.

### 3 ☆☆☆ Answer the questions.

- 1 What can you learn about Alexandra on her bookstagram?
- 2 What kind of things does Faroukh Naseem create?
- 3 What sort of camera do you need to start your own bookstagram?
- 4 What types of videos can you find on BookTube?
- 5 What's the difference between a 'haul' and an 'unhauling' video?
- 6 What is a 'shelfie'?

### 4 ☆☆☆ Answer the questions for you.

- 1 How often do you use Instagram and YouTube?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Are you interested in Bookstagram and BookTube? Why/Why not?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Are you into reading? What kinds of books do you read?  
\_\_\_\_\_

## A radio programme

- 1 ☆ You're going to listen to a radio programme. Read the sentences in exercise 4 and underline the key words.

► **Subskill: Answering true/false questions**

Read each question carefully before you listen. Think about what you're going to hear and also the information that you need to listen for.

- 2 ☆ Before you listen, which words do you think will complete the sentences?

- 1 Scott Marsham's interested in becoming famous/making films/writing stories.
- 2 On the radio programme he's talking about writing competitions/his favourite stories/his friends' stories.
- 3 He describes less than three/three/more than three different types of writing competitions.

- 3 ☆☆ Listen to the radio programme and check your answers in exercise 2.

- 4 ☆☆☆ Listen again. Decide if the sentences are T (true) or F (false).

- 1 Scott Marsham's into writing horror stories. F  
*He says he isn't really keen on horror.*
- 2 Scott enters writing competitions once a month. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 You have to write less than 30 words for the Scottish Book Trust competition. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Scott's local radio station often has really good prizes for their competitions. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 A short story is often around 1,000 words. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 There's a story competition where you have to send a text message. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 YouWriteOn.com is a website where you can buy short stories. \_\_\_\_\_

- 5 ☆☆☆ Listen again. Give reasons for your answers in exercise 4.

## Expressing preferences

- 1 ☆ Order the words to make useful expressions.

- 1 do / want / What / you / do / to ?  
*What do you want to do?* \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 rather / I'd / a / watch / film / science-fiction  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 game / better / than / Playing / documentary / a / a / watching / sounds  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 going / the / a / idea / Maybe / to / better / cinema / is  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 you / like / What / to / would / do ?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 rather / you / read / book / Would / a ?  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 2 ☆☆ Complete the conversation with the words in the box.

better fancy more prefer rather would

Do you 1 fancy doing something this afternoon?

Sure. What 2 \_\_\_\_\_ you like to do?

How about going to the skate park?

We always go there. I'd 3 \_\_\_\_\_ do something different.

What about going cycling?

I'm not really in the mood for going out. It's cold. I'd 4 \_\_\_\_\_ to stay in.

You're right. Maybe watching a film on TV is a 5 \_\_\_\_\_ idea.

I'm not sure. Playing a game sounds 6 \_\_\_\_\_ fun than watching another film.

A review

1 ☆ Choose the correct words to complete the review.

**Stranger Things** ☆☆☆

I'm a huge fan of an American TV series called *Stranger Things*. It's science fiction with some horror **1 too/also**.

It takes place in the fictional town of Hawkins, Indiana in the 1980s. In the first season, Will Byers disappears and everyone tries to find him, including a girl with special abilities. My favourite character is Will's mum because she's strong and she **2 also/as well** never stops looking for her son.

I'm keen on this series because it's exciting and it's easy to watch **3 as well/also**. There's action and of course the music's cool **4 also/too**.

2 ☆☆ Read the review in exercise 1 again. Match information a–e to paragraphs 1–3.

- a the name of the programme 1
- b what the programme is about \_\_\_
- c what type of programme it is \_\_\_
- d why the writer likes the programme \_\_\_
- e the writer's favourite characters \_\_\_

3 ☆☆☆ Write a review of your favourite TV programme, film or game. Use the review in exercise 1 to help you.

Super skills

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It can help to work together when we want to think of new ideas.

Match 1–5 to a–e to make some useful expressions.

- 1 Let's each think of **a** putting the girl there?
- 2 OK, don't write yet, **b** one thing to include.
- 3 How can I **c** thing to include?
- 4 What's the most important **d** draw that?
- 5 Wait a minute. What about **e** let's think first.

Vocabulary review

TV, films and games

1 Complete the table with the words in the box.

action (x2) construction documentary  
drama series horror music sports  
sports strategy thriller

Programme	Film	Game
	action	action

2 Read the description and write the word or phrase.

- 1 This TV programme is a competition. People dance, sing or act. talent show
- 2 In these films, the actors sing and often dance. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 These films are about people like Superman and Wonder Woman. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 People who like going on holiday watch this programme. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 In this video game, each player needs to become a different character. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 This film is about stories which happen in the future. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Children usually enjoy watching this programme because the pictures are funny. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 This programme is good for people who like cooking. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 This programme is funny. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 People usually fall in love in this film. \_\_\_\_\_

Phrases with prepositions

3 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

- 1 I'm not interested in social media.
- 2 My friends are really \_\_\_\_\_ photography.
- 3 My dad's mad \_\_\_\_\_ old cars.
- 4 My friends aren't very keen \_\_\_\_\_ playing basketball, but they watch it on TV.
- 5 You're good \_\_\_\_\_ maths.
- 6 We aren't big fans \_\_\_\_\_ going to the cinema because they never show good films.

Grammar review

Present simple

1 Complete the conversations with the present simple form of the verbs.

- Do you spend* (you / spend) a lot of time on your phone?  
No, *I don't* . I *spend* (I / not / spend) about two hours a day on it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (you and your friends / upload) a lot of photos onto social media sites?  
Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ .  
\_\_\_\_\_ (we / upload) photos every day.
- What type of music \_\_\_\_\_ (your friends / be) into?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (they / be) mad about rock music.

Adverbs and expressions of frequency

2 Rewrite the sentences with the words in the box.

always    hardly ever    often  
once a day    once a week

- My mum reads the news on her phone at breakfast every morning.  
*My mum always reads the news on her phone at breakfast.*
- My sister goes to her dance class on Mondays.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- I'm late for school about once a year.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- You go to the cinema five times a month.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- My friends play strategy games every afternoon.  
\_\_\_\_\_

Present simple and present continuous

3 Correct one mistake in each of the sentences.

- Shh! Be quiet! Your grandma *sleeps*. *is sleeping*
- Jack can't go out. He *studies* at the moment.
- We're *writting* stories in our English class now.
- I'm bored now. I'm *wanting* to play a video game.

Round-up

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Complete the text with the verbs in the correct present simple or present continuous form.



Photos that tell stories

500 million people 1 use (use) Instagram every day. American teenagers 2 \_\_\_\_\_ (prefer) it to Facebook or Snapchat. Why 3 \_\_\_\_\_ (be) so many people now into uploading photos? Maybe because each photo 4 \_\_\_\_\_ (often/tell) its own story.

Look at the photo of these young people. What 5 \_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_ (do)? They 6 \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) at school. Why not? Why 7 \_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) there? What 8 \_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_ (eat)? One of the boys 9 \_\_\_\_\_ (not / wear) a coat. Some of them 10 \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) to each other. What 11 \_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_ (say)? 12 \_\_\_\_\_ the girl in white jacket \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to say something?

Self-evaluation

Read the objectives for the unit.

How well can you now do each one? Put a tick (✓).



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|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 I can describe TV programmes, films and video games.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 I can talk about the things I like and dislike.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 I can talk about the things I usually, sometimes or never do and the things I'm doing right now. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 I can ask my friends about their preferences and answer questions about mine.                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 I can write a review.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If you choose 😞, ask your teacher for extra help.