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The Youth of Today!



Reading

1 Read the profiles and for each question, choose the correct answer, A, B or C.

I don't wake up very early on school days. I always get up at 7.45am, have a shower, eat breakfast and leave home at 8.30. I know that's not a lot of time, but I don't like waking up in the morning! And my first lesson is at 9, so I don't want to be late.

My mum always makes my lunch for me to take to school. I love that, because I don't like the food at school at all and I never eat it. And my friends never eat it, so we all bring our lunch to school. It's funny – we eat our lunch in the canteen, but we don't eat the food they've got there!

I've got three afternoon activities. On Tuesdays, I have basketball. I play with my friends and we have a nice time. My afternoon activity on Wednesdays is piano lessons. I like them because I like to spend time with the teacher. She's really great! On Thursdays, I have the maths club. I like it because maths is my favourite subject at school.

My parents, my brother and I get home at different times every day. I usually get home around 4.30pm. My mum comes to school to get me in the car. My brother's school is near our house, so he walks. He gets home at 4. My dad gets home from work around 7. We get home at different times, but we eat dinner at the same time – 8pm, every night!

My two sisters do a lot of the same things together in the evenings. Melissa, who's 13, and Jessica, who's 14, often watch TV together. They play computer games together too. I sometimes play computer games with them, but I never watch TV with them. Melissa and Jessica always do their homework together, but I never do homework with them.

- 1 This person ...
A is usually late for school.
B always has breakfast.
C likes to wake up early.
- 2 This student ...
A eats the food in the school canteen.
B eats his friends' lunches.
C eats lunch with his friends in the school canteen.
- 3 This student likes the ...
A sports teacher.
B maths teacher.
C music teacher.
- 4 Who gets home first?
A the writer
B the writer's brother
C the writer's dad
- 5 Which activity does the writer do with his sisters?
A his homework
B computer games
C watching TV

Wordpower!

2 Each of the words in bold is in the wrong sentence. Write a word in bold from another sentence to replace the incorrect one.

- 1 I usually write my **uniform** at the weekend. _____
- 2 Does Daniel's mum **chat** him to school? _____
- 3 Jessica and Denise **do** their emails every morning. _____
- 4 Do you **ring** with friends online a lot? _____
- 5 The kids **check** what they wear to school. _____
- 6 They **drive** their homework at 8pm. _____
- 7 I don't wear a **blog** to school. _____
- 8 When does your alarm clock **choose**? _____

3 Write a word from the box in each gap to complete the text about school days.

blog • chat • check • choose • do • drives • rings • send • spend • uniform

SCHOOL DAYS

My school days start early! My alarm clock (1) _____ at 7am and I get out of bed right away. I have a shower and I get ready for my day. I wear a school (2) _____ at my school, so I don't (3) _____ what to wear. If I have time, I (4) _____ my emails to see if I have new ones and I usually (5) _____ a text message to my best friend Lisa. My mum sometimes (6) _____ me to school, but I usually walk. My first lesson starts at 9, I finish at 4 and I get home around 4.30. When I get home, I (7) _____ my homework and then I play basketball with my brother. After that, I (8) _____ with friends online for a while. Finally, I do my favourite thing of the day – I write my (9) _____! It's great fun and I usually (10) _____ an hour online writing it, sometimes more!



Grammar 1



Present simple

Look again at *Grammar database 1* on page 146 before doing these exercises.

1 Choose the correct word or phrase.

- 1 Paul **bring** / **brings** his lunch to school.
- 2 I **do** / **does** my homework every night at 7.
- 3 My sister and I **live** / **lives** near our school.
- 4 Susan doesn't **spend** / **spends** a lot of time online.
- 5 **Do you** / **You do** like to wake up early in the morning?
- 6 I **doesn't** / **don't** have breakfast before school.
- 7 **Does** / **Do** her dad drive her to school every day?
- 8 They **gets** / **get** dressed in their uniforms after their shower.

2 Write a verb from the box in each gap in the present simple.

bring • do • eat • get • go • spend • stay • watch

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My sister and I are very different. She often (1) _____ up early, but I don't. I (2) _____ in bed and sleep late. She (3) _____ her lunch to school, but I (4) _____ in the canteen. She (5) _____ a lot of time online every day. I don't like computers, so I usually (6) _____ TV or play sport. She (7) _____ her homework in the kitchen. I do my homework in my bedroom. And finally, she (8) _____ to bed early. And guess what? I don't!

3 Write questions.

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|---|---|
| 1 you / play / football / after school | <u>Do you play football after school?</u> |
| 2 Beth / have / breakfast / every morning | _____ |
| 3 they / ride / bikes / to school | _____ |
| 4 the students / read / your blog | _____ |
| 5 they / do / their homework / every night | _____ |
| 6 Henry / go / to bed / at midnight | _____ |
| 7 you / wear / a uniform / to school / every day | _____ |
| 8 Tom and Erin / go / to the cinema / at the weekends | _____ |

4 Complete the short answers.

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| 1 Do you have a dance class? | No, _____. |
| 2 Does Henry buy snacks at school? | Yes, _____. |
| 3 Do I need a mobile phone to send text messages? | Yes, _____. |
| 4 Does Mike watch TV with his parents? | No, _____. |
| 5 Do they go to school at 8am? | No, _____. |
| 6 Do you do your homework before dinner? | Yes, _____. |

Wordpower!

1 Choose the correct meaning for each phrasal verb.

- 1 get back: **leave the house / stop sleeping / come home**
- 2 turn off: **start a computer / stop sleeping / stop a light**
- 3 turn on: **start a light / leave the bed / stop a computer**
- 4 wake up: **stop sleeping / come home / start a light**
- 5 go out: **come home / leave your bed / leave the house**
- 6 get up: **stop sleeping / leave the house / leave your bed**


2 Write a phrasal verb from the box in each gap.

get back • get up • go out • turn off • turn on • wake up

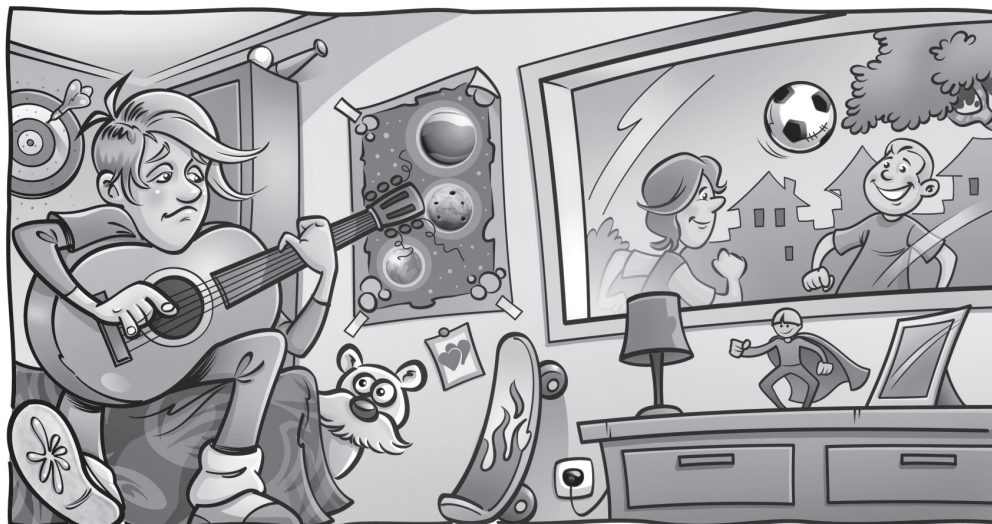
- 1 My alarm clock rings at 6.40am, and I _____ and get out of bed.
- 2 Do you want to _____ tonight, or do you want to stay in?
- 3 I can't see. Can you _____ the light?
- 4 I spend an hour online, then I _____ the computer and go to bed.
- 5 I don't always _____ when my alarm clock rings. Sometimes I just stay in bed.
- 6 School ends at 3.30pm, but I don't _____ home until 5pm.

Listening

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1  **KET** You will hear George and Elizabeth talking about school life. Match the people to the activities. Write a letter a–f next to each person. There is one letter you do not need to use.

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| 1 George | ___ | a | dance |
| 2 Elizabeth | ___ | b | piano |
| 3 Lacy | ___ | c | basketball |
| 4 Fran | ___ | d | football |
| 5 Kevin | ___ | e | chess |
| | | f | guitar |



Grammar 2 G

Present simple and present continuous

Look again at *Grammar database 2* on page 146 before doing these exercises.

Marsha (1) _____
(**usually / get**) up at 9am on Saturdays.
Then, she (2) _____
(**always / have**) breakfast.
She (3) _____ (**not / leave**)
the house early on Saturdays,
so she has time to eat. At the moment,
she (4) _____ (**get**)
dressed to go down and have
some eggs.



1 Choose the correct word or phrase.

- 1 Sally and I **play / are playing** a computer game right now.
- 2 My dad **drives / is driving** his car to work every morning.
- 3 We **go / are going** to a photography club every Tuesday and Wednesday.
- 4 I **don't do / am not doing** my homework at the moment.
- 5 **Are you chatting / Do you chat** with friends online now?
- 6 What **do your parents usually do / are your parents usually doing** at the weekend?
- 7 Hi, Robert! What **do you do / are you doing** at the moment?
- 8 They **aren't having / don't have** their lunch right now.

2 Choose the correct verb. Then put the verbs into the present continuous to complete the sentences.

- 1 Mike _____ (**chat / go / win**) his game at the moment.
- 2 Sheila _____ (**not go / not get / not take**) to bed now.
- 3 Michael _____ (**write / do / make**) a letter right now.
- 4 They _____ (**check / live / walk**) to school at the moment.
- 5 Linda _____ (**play / win / have**) the piano right now.
- 6 I _____ (**read / go / learn**) a great book at the moment.

3 Put the verbs into the correct form (present simple or present continuous) to complete the sentences.

Mark (5) _____ (**always / go**) to Ben's house at the weekend. Right now, they (6) _____ (**play**) computer games. Mark (7) _____ (**usually / win**), but at the moment, he (8) _____ (**not / win**). Ben is quite happy about that!

Dana (9) _____ (**chat**) with her friend online at the moment. She (10) _____ (**spend**) about an hour online every night. At the moment, she and her friend (11) _____ (**talk**) about their school day. Her friend (12) _____ (**tell**) her about her dance class.



Quick check

4 Choose the correct answer.

- 1 Do we use the present simple to talk about things that never happen? **yes / no**
- 2 Do we use the present continuous to talk about things that happen sometimes? **yes / no**
- 3 Which one is correct? **I'm reading at night. / I read at night. / both**
- 4 Which one is correct? **I'm eating now. / I eat now. / both**
- 5 Do we use *always*, *sometimes* and *never* with the present continuous? **yes / no**
- 6 Do we use *right now*, *now*, and *at the moment* with the present continuous? **yes / no**

Writing

1 Look at these parts of profiles and choose the correct heading, A, B or C.

- 1 I spend all of my time with my friends Victoria and Joanne. We do everything together. We have many classes together. We spend a lot of time together at the weekend. And when we're not together, we chat online!
- A My interests
B About me
C My best friends
- 2 I play football with my friends and I read books. I also watch a lot of TV and play computer games. I sometimes chat with friends online. I don't spend a lot of time online, though.
- A My best friends
B My interests
C My family
- 3 I'm Rachel. I'm 13 years old. I live in Brighton and I go to Brighton Secondary School.
- A My family
B My interests
C About me
- 4 My mum is a teacher and my dad works in a bank. I've got one brother and one sister. My brother is 11 years old and he plays the piano. My sister is seven years old and she's got a kitten named Sammy.
- A My family
B My friends
C My interests

2 Read the text and for each question, choose the correct answer, A, B or C.

My name is Bill. I'm 14 years old. I'm a student at Royston Secondary School. I live with my mum, my dad, and my brother, Todd. My mum's name is Diane. She's a doctor. My dad's name is Richard. He's a teacher. My brother Todd is nine years old. He plays computer games. He's a great little brother!

I play football in a sports club at school. I also play the guitar in a music club. I like clubs a lot. I read books in my free time and I also read things online. I don't watch TV, and I don't chat online.

My friends are Paul and Tony. We play football in the sports club together and we go to the cinema at the weekend. They're great friends. I have some pictures of us from last weekend. They're really funny! We always have a great time together.

That's all for now. Thanks for reading about me!



- 1 Where can you read a piece of writing like this?
- A in a book
B in a blog
C in a newspaper
- 2 What does the writer describe?
- A things happening right now
B general situations
C things the writer does with his family