Unit 2

2.1 Present Simple

Form

Positive and negative

I We You They	live don't live	near here.
He She It	lives doesn't live	

Ouestion

Where	do	I we you they	live?
	does	he she it	

Short answer

Do you like Peter?	Yes, I do.
Does she speak French?	No, she doesn't.

The Present Simple is used to express:

1 a habit.

I get up at 7.30. Cinda smokes too much.

2 a fact which is always true.

Vegetarians don't eat meat. We come from Spain.

3 a fact which is true for a long time.

I live in Oxford.

She works in a bank.

2.2 Present Continuous

Form

am/is/are + -ing (present participle)

Positive and negative

I	'm (am) 'm not	
He She It	's (is) isn't	working.
We You They	're (are) aren't	

Question

What	am	1	
	is	he she it	wearing?
	are	we you they	1 M 5

Short answer

Are you going?	Yes, I am./No, I'm not.	NOT Yes, I'm.
Is Anna working?	Yes, she is./No, she isn't.	Yes, she's.

Use

The Present Continuous is used to express:

1 an activity happening now.

They're playing football in the garden.

She can't answer the phone because she's washing her hair.

2 an activity happening around now, but perhaps not at the moment of speaking.

She's studying maths at university.

I'm reading a good book by Henry James.

3 a planned future arrangement.

I'm meeting Miss Boyd at ten o'clock tomorrow.

What are you doing this evening?

2.3 Present Simple and Present Continuous

1 Look at the wrong sentences, and compare them with the correct sentences.

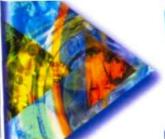
×	Hans is coming from Germany. Hans comes from Germany.
×	This is a great party. Everyone has a good time. This is a great party. Everyone is having a good time.
×	I read a good book at the moment. I'm reading a good book at the moment.

2 There are some verbs that are usually used in the Present Simple only. They express a state, not an activity.

1	I like Coke.	
×	I'm liking Coke.	

Other verbs like this are think, agree, understand, love.

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The way we live

Present tenses · have/have got · Collocation - daily life · Making conversation

STARTER



These flags all belong to English-speaking countries. Write the name of the country.















The United States Canada Australia New Zealand South Africa Scotland

PEOPLE AND PLACES

Present tenses and have/have got

1 Read the texts. Match a country from the Starter with a text and a photograph. Complete the texts with the words from the boxes.

exports enjoy immigrants huge

This country has quite a small population, just 16 million, but the country is ____. The people are mainly of European descent, but there are also aborigines and a lot of south-east Asian ____ . People live in towns on the coast, not so much inland, because it is so hot. They live a lot of their lives outdoors, and ____ sports, swimming, and having barbecues. This country wine and wool - it has more than 60 million sheep!

has only favourite variety

This is the second biggest country in the world, but it has a population of ____ 30 million. It is so big that there is a ___ of climates. Most people live in the south because the north is too cold. It is famous for its beautiful mountains and lakes - it ____ more lakes than any other country. Their sports are baseball and ice hockey.

elephants grows black climate

This country has a population of about 45 million. Of these, 76 per cent are and 12 per cent white. It has a warm ____ . Either it never rains, or it rains a lot! It is the world's biggest producer of gold, and it exports diamonds, too. It ____ a lot of fruit, including oranges, pears, and grapes, and it makes wine. In the game reserves you can see a lot of wildlife, including lions, ____, zebras, and giraffes.



- 5 Think of questions to ask about free time and holiday activities.
 - · What do you do in your free time?
 - · What do . . . at the weekend?
 - · ... any sports?
 - · Do you like . . . ?
 - · Where . . . holiday?
 - · Do . . . winter holiday?

Stand up! Ask two or three students your questions. Use short answers when necessary. Find out who has the most hobbies and holidays.



No, I don't.

Check it

- 6 Tick (✓) the correct sentence.
 - 1 ☐ Where you go on holiday?
 - ☐ Where do you go on holiday?
 - 2 Do you have any children?
 - ☐ Do you have got any children?
 - 3 I'm Hans. I'm coming from Germany.
 - ☐ I'm Hans. I come from Germany.
 - 4 This is a great party! Everyone is
 - dancing.

 ☐ This is a great party! Everyone dances.
 - 5 \(\square\) I don't have a mobile phone.
 - ☐ I no have a mobile phone.
 - 6 Jack's a policeman, but he doesn't wear a uniform.
 - Jack's a policeman, but he no wear a uniform.
 - 7 \(\sum \) 'Where is José?' 'He's sitting by the window.'
 - 'Where is José?' 'He sits by the window.'
 - 8 [I'm liking black coffee.
 - ☐ I like black coffee.

VOCABULARY

Daily life

1 Match the verbs and nouns.

have	a film on TV
wash	to my friends
watch	my hair
talk	breakfast

make	to music	
listen	my homework	
relax	a cup of tea	
do	on the sofa	

have posters on the wall the mess do a shower the washing-up

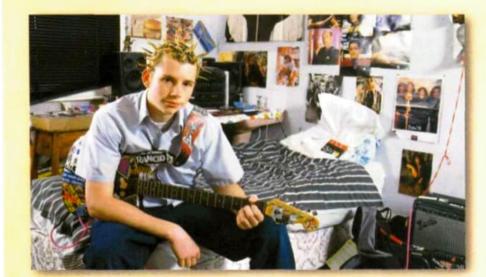
cook	magazines	
go	a meal	
put on	make-up	
read	to the toilet	

T 2.4 Listen and check.

2 Match the activities from exercise 1 with the correct room.

Kitchen	Bathroom
Living room	Bedroom

3 Do you like where you live? Choose your favourite room. What do you do in that room?



I like my bedroom a lot because I've got lots of posters on the walls. I listen to music and do my homework ...

I like my living room. The walls are white, and I love the big, comfortable sofa ...

4 Describe your favourite room to a partner. Don't say which room it is. Can your partner guess?

EVERYDAY ENGLISH

Making conversation

- 1 T 2.6 Listen to two conversations. Maria and Jean-Paul are foreign students in Britain. Their teachers are trying to be friendly. Which conversation is more successful? Why?
- 2 Obviously, it is impossible to tell someone how to have a conversation, but here are some things that help.
 - · Ask questions.
 - · Show that you're interested.
 - · Don't just answer yes or no.
 - · Try to add a comment of your own.
 - · Don't let the conversation stop.

Find examples of these in the tapescripts on p119.

3 Match a line in A with a reply in B and a further comment in C.



A	В	C
1 What a lovely day it is today! 2 It's very wet today. 3 How are you today? 4 Did you have a nice weekend? 5 How are you finding living in London? 6 Did you have a good journey?	I'm enjoying it. Yes, no problems. I'm very well, thanks. No, I missed it. Thank you. Thank you very much.	Was it a good game? That's very kind of you. We had a pub lunch and went for a walk. The plane was a bit late, but it didn't matter. Makes you feel miserable, doesn't it? I got it in Paris last year.
7 Did you watch the football yesterday? 8 What a lovely coat you're wearing! 9 If you have any problems, just ask me for help.	Yes, it was lovely. Mm. Horrible.	How about you? It was a bit strange at first, but I'm getting used to it. Beautiful, isn't it?

12.7 Listen and check. Practise the conversations with a partner.

- 4 Think of three questions to ask someone about each of these subjects.
 - job home free time last holiday
- 5 Invent a new name and background for yourself.

