

Grammar 1

present simple and present continuous; stative verbs

1 Complete the sentences with the present simple or present continuous.

- 1 I take (take) the early train on Wednesdays and Fridays.
- 2 Lin often helps (help) the staff in a local café.
- 3 These machines work (work) very well when it's cold.
- 4 We have (have) three hours of lessons on Monday mornings.
- 5 Can we speak later? I am watching (watch) a film.
- 6 What time are you leaving (you / leave) for school tomorrow?

2 Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

- 1 My sister owns / is owning a shop.
- 2 I 'm seeing / I see a few friends later.
- 3 My little brother is / is being very shy.
- 4 I don't like / I'm not liking Indian food.
- 5 This sandwich is tasting / tastes really good.
- 6 We 're meeting / We meet just after dinner this evening.

3 Complete the text with the present simple or present continuous form of the verb in brackets.

People say that my sister and I ¹ are (be) similar, but I ² don't believe (not believe) that. She's a firefighter. She ³ works (work) hard, often in difficult situations. At the moment, she ⁴ is doing (do) a special training course at a fire station in London.

My sister ⁵ says (say) that fires often ⁶ start (start) because people ⁷ don't think (not think) about the possible dangers in their homes. She ⁸ is always telling (always / tell) me to turn off my computer and TV.



Grammar 1 past simple; past continuous

1 Complete the sentences with the past simple form of these verbs.

find give lose spend start take

- 1 We found a nice restaurant in the square.
- 2 I took the early train yesterday.
- 3 Dad gave us €10 for some food.
- 4 Ana started a new yoga course last week.
- 5 My friends and I spent the morning watching TV.
- 6 We lost 0-6 in last Friday's match. It was terrible!

2 Complete the sentences with the past continuous form of these verbs.

cook drive have read shop
snow watch

- 1 I didn't answer the phone because I was watching a film.
- 2 I was having a shower at six thirty this morning.
- 3 I was cooking the fish while Karl was reading the recipe.
- 4 It was a cold day and it was snowing outside.
- 5 I was driving to the cinema when you called me.
- 6 It was a Saturday afternoon and lots of people were shopping in town.

3 Complete the text with the past simple or past continuous form of the verb in brackets.

It was July and I ¹ was working (work) in a restaurant for the summer. One day, I ² was helping (help) the chef in the kitchen. He ³ was frying (fry) fish when his phone ⁴ rang (ring). He ⁵ went (go) outside and ⁶ forgot (forget) about the food he ⁷ was cooking (cook). Soon, smoke ⁸ was coming (come) out of the kitchen. When the chef ⁹ came (come) back in, lots of people ¹⁰ were trying (try) to stop the fire. The chef ¹¹ apologised (apologise) to everybody, but his boss ¹² wasn't (not be) happy with him.

Grammar 1

present perfect simple,
present perfect continuous

1 Complete the sentences with the present perfect simple of these verbs.

change just/eat just/finish leave
win work

- 1 I have just finished my last exam and now I can relax for a few weeks.
- 2 My brother's a doctor and he has worked in several big hospitals.
- 3 I have just eaten a delicious meal at that new restaurant.
- 4 Our coach is really pleased because we have won every match so far this season.
- 5 The climate has changed in the last twenty years.
- 6 I think I have left my phone at home.

2 Complete the sentences with the present perfect continuous of these verbs.

get look study not train travel wait

- 1 Our summers have been getting warmer over the last few years. training
- 2 He hasn't been training much recently and his football coach isn't happy.
- 3 Jeff and Ana have been travelling all around Asia since January.
- 4 You have been studying a lot recently. Have you got exams soon?
- 5 Sorry I'm late. Have you been waiting long?
- 6 Oh, there you are. I have been looking for you everywhere.

3 Complete the sentences with the present perfect simple or present perfect continuous of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 They want to build ten new power stations, but so far they have completed (complete) only one.
- 2 I haven't seen (not / see) you for a long time. What have you been (you / do) doing recently?
- 3 That company has spent (spend) over £1bn on clean energy.
- 4 I haven't met (not meet) Tania yet.
- 5 Have you seen (you / see) my keys anywhere?
- 6 I have been (try) to contact you all morning. trying

Vocabulary 1 geographical features climate change

1 Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

- 1 This is a beautiful green stream valley with just a few houses and lovely fields.
- 2 The temperature is hotter so the glacier / cliff is much smaller this year.
- 3 I'd like to visit a real coast / rainforest because I love trees, plants and insects.
- 4 When the weather is good, you can see the coast / ocean of that island really clearly.
- 5 I like exploring streams / caves but I'm a bit scared of the bats that live there.
- 6 Stay away from the edge of the cliff / valley.
- 7 The children love playing in water. Luckily, we have a small stream / ocean near our house.
- 8 I love watching the boats on the valley / ocean.

2 Complete the sentences with these phrases.

climate change fossil fuels power station
renewable energy solar power

- 1 Energy that comes from the sun is called solar power.
- 2 Common types of fossil fuels include gas and oil.
- 3 Using the wind to create electricity is an example of renewable energy.
- 4 The most obvious example of climate change is higher temperatures.
- 5 The people around here don't want them to build a new power station.

3 Complete the text using the phrases from Exercise 2.

I think our future depends on using more
1 renewable energy such as wind and
2 solar power. We need to use fewer
3 fossil fuels because they create a lot
of pollution. In the future, we will still need a
4 power station to provide energy for the local
population, but it's also important to remember the
problem of 5 climate change when we build
new ones.

Vocabulary 2 environment verbs; prepositions (1)

1 Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

- We reached / collected the station ten minutes before the train left.
- There was a terrible storm and it destroyed / prevented a lot of houses.
- The doctor's quick action set up / prevented a disaster.
- There was an accident, but everybody destroyed / survived.
- We set up / reached an online group to discuss environmental problems.
- My favourite mug fell on the floor and it destroyed / broke into lots of pieces.
- There was a parcel for me at the post office, so I went to reach / collect it.
- We were able to prevent / remove a lot of rubbish from our local river.

2 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in Exercise 1.



After finding out about people who have changed the world during a lesson at school one day, two teenage sisters from Bali decided to make a difference. Melati and Isabel Wijsen ¹ set up the Bye Bye Plastic Bags group. A lot of single-use plastic bags pollute the sea around Bali. Fish eat these plastic bags. When the bags ² reach their stomachs, the fish become ill. Many do not ³ survive. The bags also ⁴ break into little pieces in the water and cause serious problems for other marine life which think they are food and try to eat them.

The sisters have created several recycling projects to ⁵ collect as many plastic bags as possible before they end up in the sea. They go to local towns and schools and teach people that plastic bags can ⁶ destroy the local marine life that many people depend on. They give people non-plastic bags to use and also show them simple ways to ⁷ prevent plastic bags from ending up in the water in their local rivers. They also teach them how to ⁸ remove bags that are already in the water.

3 Complete the sentences with these prepositions.

at before from in into over
onto to

- We use many types of renewable energy, from wind power to solar energy.
- There are very few recycling places in our town.
- They turned the old power station into a modern recycling centre.
- We've been going to the same summer concert for more than ten years.
- We've been waiting for you for over twenty minutes.
- We're studying wind power at school at present.
- Make sure that none of that paint gets onto your clothes.
- Not many people drove electric cars before 2015.

4 Use the prepositions from Exercise 3 to complete the text.

When you can't recycle all the waste which comes ¹ from a big city, it's often taken away and burned ² in another place, usually the countryside. This creates a lot of dangerous smoke and pollution in the air. But the Amager Bakke power station in Copenhagen, Denmark does things a little differently. Three hundred lorries full of the city's waste arrive ³ at its very modern building every day. This waste is burned, but here they immediately turn the heat ⁴ into energy for local homes. But the power station is probably more famous for the outdoor skiing centre that was added ⁵ onto the roof. Some local people like it because they can go up ⁶ to the top of the building after work and ski for an hour ⁷ before dinner. It has been open for ⁸ over three years now. It's not popular with everyone, but it's certainly original.