

Keep Speaking English

INTRODUCTION



I can distinguish the use of the present simple
and the present continuous.

I can correctly use *a/an* and *the* with nouns.

READING



Describe the photo. What are the people doing?
Use the verbs below.

laugh play sit smile wear

The girl on the left is playing the guitar.

Hi, Adam. I'm in the park with some friends. Do you want to join us?

What are you doing?

At the moment, we're listening to Sue. She's playing the guitar.

Is she good?

She's OK. She's getting better. She has guitar lessons every week. So are you coming?

I don't know. We're moving house next weekend, so I need to help my parents. We're packing boxes today.

That's a shame. We're playing volleyball later.

I love volleyball! Maybe just for an hour ...

Sure. A game of volleyball doesn't take long. See you later! 😊

GRAMMAR

LEARN THIS! Present tense contrast

We use:

- a** the ¹ *present simple* for something that happens regularly, always or never.
- b** the ² _____ for something happening at this moment.
- c** the ³ _____ for something happening around this time.
- d** the ⁴ _____ for stating a fact.
- e** the ⁵ _____ with certain verbs that we do not usually use in continuous tenses: *believe, know, like, love, need, understand, want, etc.*
- f** the ⁶ _____ for future arrangements.

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Find examples of the present simple and present continuous in the messages in exercise 2. Then read the **Learn this!** box and complete the rules.



GRAMMAR

Work in pairs. Explain the difference between sentences a and b in each pair.

- 1 a I'm doing my homework after school.
b I do my homework after school.
- 2 a Joe is learning to drive.
b Many teenagers learn to drive when they are seventeen.
- 3 a Mark plays the guitar.
b Mark is playing the guitar.
- 4 a We aren't going on holiday in August.
b We don't go on holiday in August.

GRAMMAR



Complete the sentences with the present simple affirmative form of the verbs below. ➔ **I.1, I.2**

go have live miss play study visit watch

- 1 My aunt _____ in Scotland.
- 2 Carl _____ his grandparents every weekend.
- 3 Audrey _____ TV in her bedroom every evening.
- 4 My mum's a scientist: she _____ climate change.
- 5 Brooklyn _____ the piano really well.
- 6 My cousin _____ to school in Switzerland.
- 7 Now that she's at secondary school, she _____ her old teachers from primary school.
- 8 Grace _____ double maths every Tuesday.

GRAMMAR

1.03 Complete the phone dialogue. Use the correct present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets. Then listen and check.



Toby Hi!

Leia Hi, Toby. What ¹are you doing (you / do)?

Toby I'm at the sports centre. I ²_____ (wait) for Tom.

Leia ³_____ (you / go) swimming?

Toby No, we ⁴_____ (play) table tennis. We ⁵_____ (play) every Saturday morning. But he's really late!

Leia What ⁶_____ (he / do)?

Toby I ⁷_____ (not know). He ⁸_____ (not answer) his phone. Anyway, where are you?

Leia I'm at the shopping centre, but I ⁹_____ (not buy) anything today. I ¹⁰_____ just _____ (look).

Toby ¹¹_____ (you / like) table tennis?
¹²_____ (you / want) to play?

Leia Sure! But I ¹³_____ (not wear) sports clothes.

Toby ¹⁴_____ (you / wear) trainers?

Leia Yes, I am – with jeans and a T-shirt.

Toby That's fine. You ¹⁵_____ (not need) sports clothes. See you soon!

SPEAKING Work in pairs. Ask and answer questions 1–6. Use the activities below or your own ideas.

SPEAKING

What do you usually do after school?

I listen to music at home.

Everyday activities do [my] homework go shopping
go for a walk / a bike ride have a picnic listen to music
play football / tennis / video games read a book
visit friends / relatives watch a film / TV



- 1 What do you usually do after school?
- 2 What are you doing after school today?
- 3 What do you usually do at the weekend?
- 4 What are you doing this weekend?
- 5 What do you usually do during the school holidays?
- 6 What are you doing next school holiday?

READING

This is a classroom in a primary school in South Korea. The classroom is very high-tech. There are some students on the floor. They are playing with a robot dog. Is there a teacher? Yes, there is, but the teacher is a robot! It is difficult to find English teachers in South Korea, so they are starting to use robots instead. The robot can speak, and correct pronunciation. Are the robots popular with the students? Chung Cha, the girl on the right, says, 'The robots are fun, but I think a real teacher is better. I hope robots don't replace teachers because I want to study languages at university and be an English teacher one day!'



Look at the photo of the classroom. What is unusual about it?

Read the text and check your ideas. Would you like to learn English in a classroom like this? Why? / Why not?

LEARN THIS! Articles



- a** We use ¹_____ to talk about something for the first time.
There's an interactive whiteboard in our classroom.
- b** We use ²_____ when we mention something again.
Our teacher often uses the interactive whiteboard.
- c** We use ³_____ when it is clear what we are talking about, or when there is only one of something.
We play basketball in the gym. (The gym at school)
The sun is shining.
- d** We use ⁴_____ to say what someone's job is.
My mum's a teacher.
- e** Note these set phrases.
- ⁵_____ : *listen to the radio, go to the cinema, play the guitar*
 - ⁶_____ : *watch TV, listen to music, in / to bed, to / at / from school, at home / work, in hospital*

Read the **Learn this!** box. Complete the rules with *a / an, the,* or *no article (-)*.

Complete the dialogue. Use *a / an* or *the*. Explain your choices.

Martha I go to school near ¹*the* city centre.

Jake Really? What's ²_____ name of ³_____ school?

Martha St Mark's. It's ⁴_____ private school.

Jake I know ⁵_____ girl who goes there. Alice Smith.

Martha There's ⁶_____ Alice Smith in my class. I wonder ⁷_____ same one.

Jake She's got blue eyes, long wavy hair and ⁸_____ nice smile.

Martha That's her! Which school do you go to?

Jake Hadfield College.

Martha Oh. My dad's ⁹_____ maths teacher there: John Chapman.

Jake You're joking! He's my teacher!

Martha I'm not! He's my teacher!

GRAMMAR

LOOK OUT!

! We do not use *the* when we make generalisations.

I don't like history. (~~the history~~ X)

I like playing basketball at school. (~~the basketball~~ X)

Read the **Look out!** box. Are the sentences below generalisations or not? Circle the correct words.

- 1 Dogs / The dogs are more intelligent than cats / the cats.
- 2 Weather / The weather is nice today.
- 3 Football / The football is more fun than volleyball / the volleyball.

Complete the sentences with *a / an, the* or no article.

➔ I.8, I.9, I.10, I.11

- 1 There's ___ zoo and ___ wildlife park near my home, but ___ wildlife park isn't open in the winter.
- 2 Don't use ___ DVD player, it's broken.
- 3 Can you pass me my sunglasses, please? They're on ___ table.
- 4 I've got ___ computer and ___ laptop, but I have to share ___ laptop with my brother.
- 5 My sister is at ___ home. She's playing ___ guitar.
- 6 My dad is ___ teacher and my mum is ___ doctor.
- 7 There's ___ CD player in my room so I can lie in ___ bed and listen to ___ music.
- 8 Do you want to go to ___ cinema this evening, or watch ___ TV at ___ home?

SPEAKING

LEARN THIS! *There is / are*

a We use *There*¹ _____ with singular nouns.

There is a book on the desk.

b We use *There*² _____ with plural nouns.

There are twenty children in the class.

c The short form of *There*³ _____ is *There's*. *There*⁴ _____ does not have a short form.

Imagine you are describing your school to a visitor. Talk about some of the places and things in exercise 8. Use *There is / are* and articles correctly.

There's a canteen and a gym. There are ...

VOCABULARY

Check the meaning of the words below.

Which ones are in your classroom?

In school canteen classroom computer corridor

desk gym hall interactive whiteboard

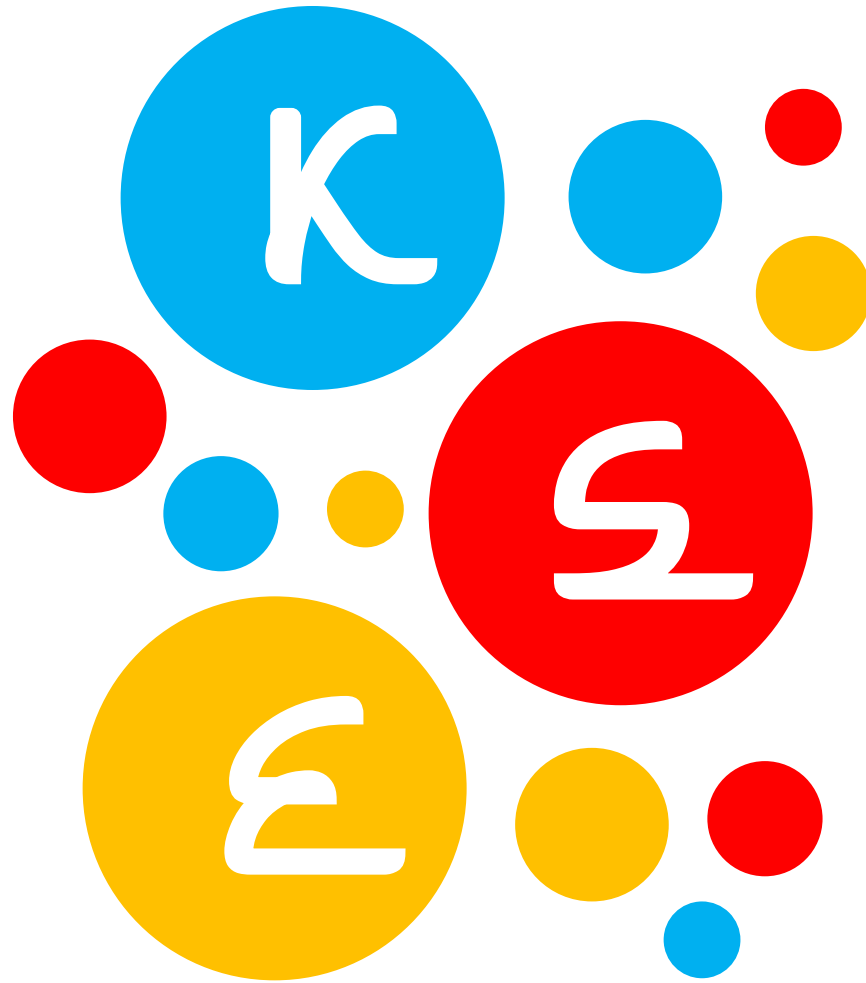
laptop noticeboard playing field reception

staff room textbook whiteboard

LESSON 1



**I can use the past simple affirmative.
I can use the past simple to describe
events.**



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SEE YOU NEXT

TIME!!!