

0.1 Generation Z

Phrasal verbs • Present simple and present continuous

- 1 SPEAK** Describe the photos. How are people of your generation different to older generations? Think about:

- communication
- using technology
- work
- money
- free time
- family



- 2** Complete the sentences with the verbs from the box.

catch up with come across do without find out
get ahead grow up help out look up take up

- I don't often _____ at home. I always avoid doing the washing-up, for example, because I hate it!
- I usually _____ my friends in person rather than online.
- I want to _____ learning Chinese. It might help me to get a good job offer in the future, somewhere where there are opportunities to _____ and progress.
- I can easily _____ technology, like my mobile phone or tablet. I don't need it.
- I often use the Internet to _____ information for school. Sometimes I spend ages doing it.
- If I'm reading and I _____ a word I don't know, I always _____ it _____ in a dictionary to find the meaning.
- I think it's better to _____ in a small town than in a city. It's more fun to be a child there.

- 3 SPEAK** Work in pairs. Guess which sentences from exercise 2 are true for your partner. Then ask and answer to check your guesses.

- 4** **1.01** Listen to a short podcast. Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?

- This week, Maisie **is reading** all about people's free time activities. T / F
- Gen Zers **are** people born after 2010. T / F
- Maisie **is listening** to some music while she is recording her podcast. T / F
- Gen Zers often **help out** around the house. T / F
- All Gen Zers **have** more than one nationality. T / F
- The next podcast **comes out** on Tuesday. T / F

- 5** Study the grammar table and complete it with examples a–f from exercise 4.

Key Grammar

Present simple

We use the present simple to talk about:

- permanent situations, e.g. ¹ _____
- routines, e.g. ² _____
- states or facts, e.g. ³ _____
- timetables, e.g. ⁴ _____

	They use technology every day.
	I don't chat to friends online.
	Does she help out around the house? Yes, she does . / No, she doesn't .
Wh- ?	What do you usually do at the weekend?

Present continuous

We use the present continuous to talk about:

- actions happening at or around the moment of speaking, e.g. ⁵ _____
- short-term situations, e.g. ⁶ _____

	I'm playing a game online at the moment.
	We're not using the Internet this week.
	Are you looking for a new job this year? Yes, I am . / No, I'm not .
Wh- ?	Where are you going now?

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- 6** Change the underlined words so the sentences are true for you. Write one negative and one affirmative sentence for each.

- We're studying maths now.
- We study English twice a day.
- I'm listening to music at the moment.
- This month, we're learning about superheroes.
- On Mondays, my school finishes at 6 pm.
- My best friend lives in London.

- 7** Complete the questions with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.

- How often _____ you _____ (help out) at home?
- _____ you _____ (do without) any technology this month?
- What time _____ your best friend usually _____ (arrive) at school?
- What _____ your mum _____ (do) at the moment?
- What _____ (be) your town like?
- Where _____ you _____ (look up) information when you don't know something?

- 8 SPEAK** Answer the questions in exercise 7.

Friends and family • Present perfect simple and present perfect continuous

1 **SPEAK** Who do you like spending time with the most? Why?

2 **Match** the words from the box to categories 1–5. Some words match more than one category.

acquaintance best friend/mate
classmate close friend colleague
cousin flatmate/roommate
great-grandfather half brother
nephew (next-door) neighbour niece
relative sibling sister-in-law
stepsister teammate travel buddy
twin workmate

- 1 Family members: *cousin*, ...
- 2 Other people (not family): *acquaintance*, ...
- 3 Males: *great-grandfather*, ...
- 4 Females: *niece*, ...
- 5 Either male or female: *acquaintance*, ...

3 **1.02** **Listen** to six dialogues and match pairs of speakers 1–6 to relationships a–f.

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| 1 Phoebe and Alex | a neighbours |
| 2 Sam and George | b flatmates |
| 3 Amara and Harry | c acquaintances |
| 4 Isabel and Jess | d cousins |
| 5 Evie and Chloe | e travel buddies |
| 6 Max and Daniel | f teammates |

4 **1.02** **Listen** again and complete the sentences.

- 1 Alex **hasn't done** the washing-up for days.
- 2 Alex **has been working** really hard for .
- 3 Sam and George **have played** the other team times, but they've **never beaten** them.
- 4 Isabel is coming to visit Jess in .
- 5 Evie **has been working** as a(n) since September.
- 6 Daniel **has never been** to before.



5 **Study** the grammar table and complete it with present perfect simple, present perfect continuous, *never*, *ever* and *lately*.

Key Grammar

We use the **1** **present perfect simple**:

- to talk about events or activities that started in the past and that are continuing now,
- to emphasise the duration of an activity,
- to talk about repeated actions in the near unspecified past, often with *recently* or **2** **present perfect continuous**,
- for actions that have just finished when we can see their effects or consequences.

We use the **3** **present perfect continuous** to talk about:

- actions or situations that started in the past and haven't finished, or that have a visible result,
- experiences at an unstated time in the past. We often use **4** **present perfect simple** in questions about these experiences.

We use **5** **present perfect simple** with the present perfect simple to mean 'at no time in the past'.

Present perfect simple

+	She's started working in a school.
–	I haven't been to Rome.
?	Have you ever ordered something online? Yes, I have . / No, I haven't .
Wh- ?	Which book have they bought ?

Present perfect continuous

+	I've been applying for jobs.
–	Sam hasn't been doing much for the last three weeks.
?	Have they been arguing again? Yes, they have . / No, they haven't .
Wh- ?	Why have you been avoiding me recently?

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6 **Complete** the sentences with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Charlie (help out) more at home lately. He (become) quite hard-working.
- 2 My German friend (already / send) me three emails this week, and it's only Tuesday!
- 3 We (learn) Chinese for three months, but we can't say very much.
- 4 you (hear) from your friend Anna yet? How's she getting on at university?
- 5 I (live) in this town since I was a baby.
- 6 they ever (go) to the USA?

7 **SPEAK** Answer the questions.

- 1 What have you and your friends been doing recently?
- 2 Have you ever had a travel buddy? Where did you go together?
- 3 Which relatives have you never met? Would you like to meet them? Why/Why not?