

## GRAMMAR

### Present simple and present continuous

- 1 Complete the table with examples of the present simple and present continuous from the two emails.

| Present simple                   | Present continuous                       |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <i>I often make people laugh</i> | <i>I'm learning to play the keyboard</i> |

- 2 Look at the examples in Exercise 1 and complete the rules.

- 1 We use the present \_\_\_\_\_ to talk about things happening now, around now and at the moment.
- 2 We use the present \_\_\_\_\_ to talk about things that are always true or happen regularly.

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- 3 Choose the correct form of the verb.

- 1 I *watch / am watching* Spartak Moscow play football every week.
- 2 What *do you usually eat / are you usually eating* for dinner?
- 3 Sorry, I can't talk now, I'm busy. I'm *practising / practise* the piano.
- 4 We *learned* about rivers last term, and now we *learn / are learning* about forests.
- 5 I'm quite lazy – I *don't always do / 'm not always doing* my homework.
- 6 My dad *is teaching / teaches* me how to play tennis at the moment.

- 4 Correct the mistakes in the sentences.

- 1 It rains a lot at the moment.
- 2 In my free time, I'm usually going to the cinema.
- 3 I sell my English book. Would you like to buy it?
- 4 Right now, I watch basketball.
- 5 I'm usually wearing a jacket, even when it's hot.
- 6 We are swimming and sunbathing every day.

- 5 Work with a partner. Look at the photos on page 10. Say what the people are doing. Then say how often / when you do the activities in the photos.

She's playing the guitar.

I never play the guitar, but I sometimes play the piano.

- 6 Imagine you are writing an email like Grace's and Daniel's. Make notes. Think of some:

- adjectives to describe yourself
- sports and hobbies you usually do
- things you are learning / planning / doing now

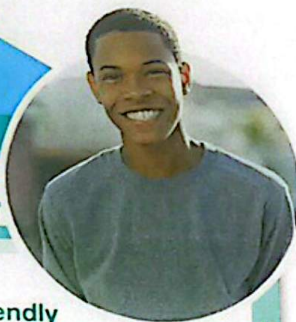
Now write your email.

IT'S A CHALLENGE!

To: Mr Jones  
From: Daniel  
Subject: The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

I'd love to do The Duke of Edinburgh's Award. I'm a **friendly** person and I'm **popular** at school. I'm **funny** – I often make people laugh, but I work hard and I'm **polite** to the teachers.

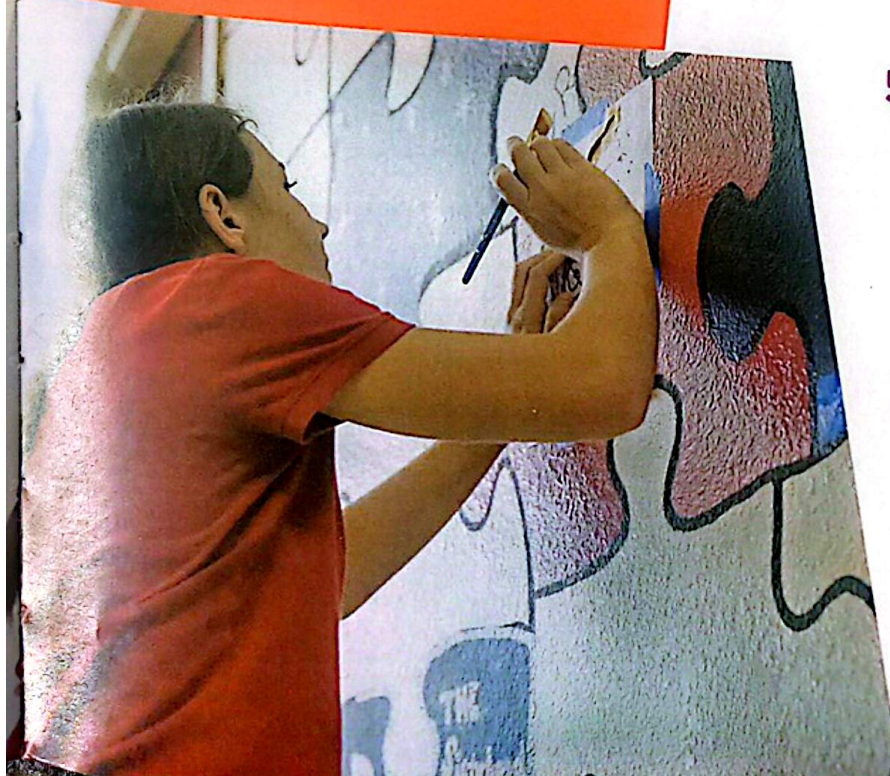
Music is important to me. I'm good at the guitar and I'm learning to play the keyboard. I'm a very **active** person – I play hockey and go swimming every week. I'm also teaching my brother to swim.



To: Mr Jones  
From: Grace  
Subject: The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

I hope I can do this award. I'm a **quiet** person – I don't talk much, but I'm very **creative**. Art is my favourite subject. At the moment, I'm doing a big painting, and it's going well.

I like to be busy – I'm not a **lazy** person. I'm also **helpful**. My neighbour's quite old, and I often go shopping with her. She always tells me I'm **kind**. It's her birthday soon. My mum and I are planning a party for her, but she doesn't know about it!



# The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

This is a great way to have fun, make new friends and learn new things. The award has four parts:



- **VOLUNTEERING** – Give your time to make a difference to people's lives.
- **FITNESS** – Do some exercise and get fitter.
- **SKILLS** – Learn something new – or get better at something you like.
- **EXPEDITION** – Go camping and hiking in the countryside.

If you complete everything, you get a certificate.

Write an email to Mr Jones, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award leader at our school. Describe yourself and say why you want to do the award.



## ABOUT YOU

Do you have any awards or prizes?

If yes, what did you win them for?

If no, do you know about any awards or prizes for young people in your country?

## VOCABULARY

AND

## READING

### Adjectives of personality

- 1 Read the poster and look at the photos. Then, in pairs, answer the questions with a partner.

- 1 What is The Duke of Edinburgh's Award?
- 2 What kind of activities do students do for the award?
- 3 Can you do an award like this at your school?
- 4 If not, would you like to do one?

- 2 Read the students' emails on page 11 and answer the questions with *Daniel* or *Grace*.

- 1 Who plays two instruments?
- 2 Who is happy with a piece of work they're doing?
- 3 Who is preparing a surprise for another person?
- 4 Who is teaching another person how to do something?

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- Check the meaning of the words in the emails on page 11. Then use them to complete the sentences.



- 1 My brother's very \_\_\_\_\_. He lies in bed until midday and never does any work.
- 2 My grandpa's 70, but he's still really \_\_\_\_\_. He cycles everywhere and plays tennis.
- 3 Sonia is very \_\_\_\_\_. She always thinks of other people and is good to them.
- 4 Everyone likes Toby. He's the most \_\_\_\_\_ boy in the school.
- 5 Our teacher is so \_\_\_\_\_. She always makes us laugh.
- 6 When I speak to adults I try to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 Sara is very \_\_\_\_\_. She smiles a lot and she's easy to talk to.
- 8 Most people in my class talk a lot, but Fred is \_\_\_\_\_ and doesn't say much.
- 9 I wasn't sure how to do my project, but the teacher was very \_\_\_\_\_. She told me about some great websites.
- 10 Suchitra is very \_\_\_\_\_. She can paint and draw, and she writes excellent stories.



- Listen and check. Then repeat.

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- Write sentences about your partner using the adjectives in Exercise 3. Give the sentences to your teacher to read out for the class to try and guess who they are about.

## VOCABULARY

### Adjectives of personality

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- 1 Put the letters in the correct order to make adjectives. The first letter is given.

|            |       |
|------------|-------|
| 0 nyunf    | funny |
| 1 lopeit   | p     |
| 2 pflhue   | h     |
| 3 rfineyld | f     |
| 4 louprap  | p     |
| 5 tavcei   | a     |
| 6 nidk     | k     |
| 7 zayl     | l     |
| 8 uetiq    | q     |
| 9 reviacte | c     |

- 2 Complete the sentences with words in Exercise 1.

- People always laugh at his stories. He's funny.
- On Saturdays, he gets up late and watches TV or funny videos online all day. He's \_\_\_\_\_.
- She smiles all the time and talks to everyone. She's \_\_\_\_\_.
- He always says 'please' and 'thank you' and listens to his teachers. He's \_\_\_\_\_.
- He cleans his mum's car and always offers to wash the dishes. He's \_\_\_\_\_.
- Everyone likes her and wants to be her friend. She's \_\_\_\_\_.
- They go walking or cycling most weekends. They're \_\_\_\_\_.
- She makes her own clothes and she loves drawing. She's \_\_\_\_\_.
- He's never angry and always says nice things to people. He's \_\_\_\_\_.
- She doesn't talk a lot and likes reading and painting. She's \_\_\_\_\_.

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- 1 Add the words and phrases in the box to the table. Do we usually use them with the present simple or present continuous?

at the moment   every Monday   now   often  
this week   today   twice a week   usually