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The working week

Present tenses • Passive • Free time activities • Making small talk

Lecture 3

2.1 Present Simple

Form

The form is the same for *I/we/you/they*.

*I **work** from 9–5 p.m.*

*They **don't work** full time.*

*Where **do you work**?*

He/She/It: add *-s* or *-es*, and use *does/doesn't* in questions and short answers.

*He **doesn't work** at weekends.*

*Where **does she live**?*

Short answer

Do you live in Bristol?

*Yes, **we do**.*

Does he have a car?

*No, **he doesn't**.*

Use

The Present Simple is used to express:

- 1 an action that happens again and again (a habit).

*I **go** to work by car.*

*She **drinks** ten cups of coffee a day.*

- 2 a fact that is always true.

*Ronaldo **comes** from Brazil.*

*My daughter **has** brown eyes.*

- 3 a fact that is true for a long time (a state).

*He **works** in a bank.*

*I **live** in a flat near the centre of town.*

Spelling of *he/she/it* forms

- 1 Most verbs add *-s* to the base form of the verb.
wants eats helps drives
- 2 Add *-es* to verbs that end in *-ss*, *-sh*, *-ch*, *-x*, and *-o*.
kisses washes watches fixes goes
- 3 Verbs that end in a consonant + *-y* change the *-y* to *-ies*.
carries flies worries tries
But verbs that end in a vowel + *-y* only add *-s*.
buys says plays enjoys



2.2 Adverbs of frequency

- 1 We often use adverbs of frequency with the Present Simple.

0% ————— 50% ————— 100%
never rarely hardly ever not often sometimes often usually always

- 2 They go before the main verb, but after the verb *to be*.

I usually start at 9.00.

They're usually here by now.

I rarely see Peter these days.

We're rarely at home at weekends.

- 3 *Sometimes* and *usually* can also go at the beginning or the end.

Sometimes we play cards.

We play cards sometimes.

Usually I go shopping with friends.

I go shopping with friends usually.

2.3 Present Continuous

Form

am/is/are + verb + -ing

I'm playing tennis.

He's cooking lunch.

I'm not enjoying my new job.

They aren't working today.

What's he doing?

Where are you living?

Short answer

Are you going by train?

Yes, I am./No, I'm not.

Use

The Present Continuous is used to express:

- 1 an activity that is happening now.
*Don't turn the TV off. I'm **watching** it.*
*You can't speak to Lisa. She's **having** a bath.*
- 2 an activity that is not necessarily happening at the moment of speaking but is happening around now.
*Don't take that book. Jane's **reading** it.*
*I'm **doing** a French evening class this year.*
- 3 a temporary activity.
*Peter is a student, but he's **working** as a waiter during the holidays.*
*I'm **living** with friends until I find a place of my own.*
- 4 a planned future arrangement.
*I'm **having** lunch with Glenda tomorrow.*
*We're **meeting** at 1.00 outside the restaurant.*

Spelling of verb + *-ing*

- 1 Most verbs add *-ing* to the base form of the verb.
going wearing visiting eating
- 2 Verbs that end in one *-e* lose the *-e*.
smoking coming hoping writing
BUT *lie* → *lying*
Verbs that end in *-ee* don't drop an *-e*.
agreeing seeing
- 3 Verbs of one syllable, with one vowel and one consonant, double the consonant.
stopping getting running planning jogging
If the final consonant is *-y* or *-w*, it is not doubled.
playing showing

2.4 State verbs

- 1 There are certain groups of verbs that are usually only used in the Present Simple. Their meanings are related to states or conditions that are facts, not activities.

Verbs of thinking and opinions

believe	think	understand	suppose	expect	agree
doubt	know	remember	forget	promise	mean
imagine	realize	deserve	guess		

*I **believe** you.*

*Do you **understand** what I mean?*

*I **know** his face, but I **forget** his name.*

Verbs of emotions and feelings

like	love	hate	care	hope
wish	want	prefer	adore	dislike

*I **like** black coffee.*

***Do you want** to go out?*

*I **don't care**.*

Verbs of having and being

belong	own	have	possess	contain	cost	seem
matter	need	depend	weigh	resemble	fit	involve

*This book **belongs** to Jane.*

*How much **does it cost**?*

*He **has** a lot of money.*

Verbs of the senses

look hear taste smell feel sound

*The food **smells** good.*

*My hair **feels** soft.*

We often use *can* when the subject is a person.

*I **can** hear someone crying.*

***Can** you smell something burning?*

- 2 Some of these verbs can be used in the Present Continuous, but with a change of meaning. In the continuous, the verb expresses an activity, not a state. Compare:

*I **think** you're right.*

(opinion)

*We're **thinking** of going to the cinema.*

(mental activity)

*He **has** a lot of money.*

(possession)

*She's **having** a bad day.*

(activity)

*I **see** what you mean.*

(= understand)

*Are you **seeing** Nigel tomorrow?*

(activity)

*The soup **tastes** awful.*

(state)

*I'm **tasting** the soup to see if it needs salt.*

(activity)

T 2.1 Blue Monday, by Fats Domino

Tapescript unit 2, page 119

Blue Monday, how I hate Blue Monday
Got to work like a slave all day
Here come(s) Tuesday, oh hard Tuesday
I'm so tired (I've) got no time to play

On Wednesday, (I) work twelve hours, then
Go home, fall into bed at ten,
'Cause Thursday is a hard working day
And Friday I get my pay

Saturday morning, oh Saturday morning
All my tiredness has gone away
Got my money and my honey
And I'm out on the town to play

Sunday morning my head is bad
But it's worth it for the fun that I had
Sunday evening it's goodnight and amen
'Cos on Monday I start again.



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2 T 2.2 Listen to them talking about their favourite day of the week. What is it? Why?

Vicky's favourite day of the week is ... because she ...



T 2.2 My favourite day of the week

Vicky

I go to a boarding school, so I don't live with my parents during term-time. Erm ..., what I like is being with my friends all the time. Whether we're working or just chatting, it's great to know that there's always someone there. There's also a lot of freedom. I don't have to tell my parents where I'm going, who I'm going with, you know ... Normally Monday is my favourite day because I only have two lessons on a Monday, but I'm having a very bad day today because I have homework from every one of my teachers, and I have to do it now!

Terry

I work in a restaurant in Manchester. I have two days off a week, usually Monday and Wednesday, but my favourite day of the week is, in fact, Friday, even though I work that day. It's the best night because all my mates come into the restaurant and we have a great laugh. There's a real buzz to the place, and it doesn't feel like work at all. Time just flies by. The restaurant's being redecorated at the moment, so everything's a bit crazy.

Dave

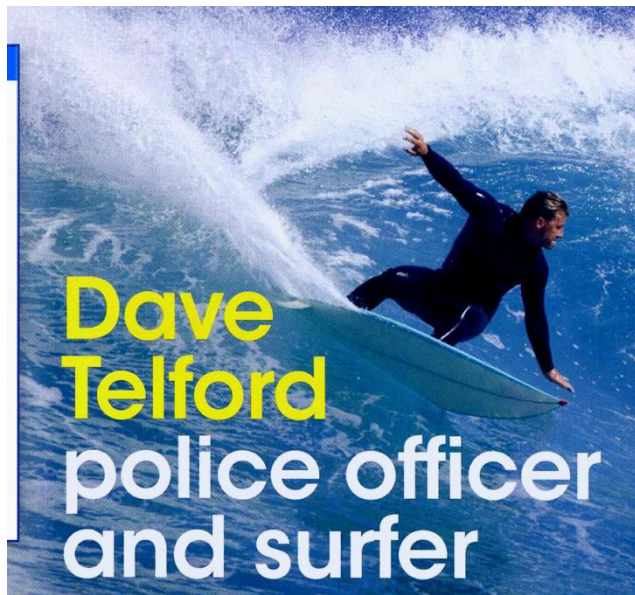
I'm a police officer. I like my job because it's challenging, but I live for surfing. I go as often as I can. I'm opening two shops that sell surfboards in the next few months. The boards are made in South Africa. Sunday is my favourite day of the week. I get up as early as I can, and spend the day on the beach.

Jenny

Mike and I live on a farm in beautiful countryside. I know we're very lucky, but it's hard work. We rarely have a day off at the weekend or Christmas Day, or any day of the year. We have to feed the sheep. Now we're lambing, so we aren't getting any sleep, either. But I suppose our favourite day is Wednesday because that's the day we generally go hunting. We go on the moors with about twenty friends.

3 Listen again and complete the sentences.

- 1 I don't live with my parents during term-time.
- 2 I have very bad day today.
- 3 ... it doesn't feel like work at all. Time just flies by.
- 4 The restaurant being redecorated at the moment ...
- 5 I like my job because it's challenging, but I live for surfing.
- 6 The boards are made in South Africa.
- 7 We rarely have a day off at the weekend or Christmas Day ...
- 8 Now we're lambing, so we aren't getting any sleep either.



Questions and answers

- 1 Read about Dave, the police officer from p14. Which question goes with which paragraph?

How often do you go surfing? What do you think of your job?

What's your background? Do you have a business?

Why do you like surfing? What hours do you work?

What's your favourite day of the week?

T 2.3 Listen and check.



1 What's your background?

I'm 46, and I'm divorced. I have two kids, who I see once a fortnight. I live in Devon, in the south-west of England. I'm a police officer. I've been in the police force for over twenty years. I love my job, but my passion is surfing.

2 What hours do you work?

I work different shifts. The morning shift starts at 5.00, and I can't stand that because I have to get up at 4.30. My favourite shift is 2.00 in the afternoon till midnight because I get home about 12.30. What's good is that I work ten hours a day for four days, then have three days off.

3 What do you think of your job?

My job is extremely busy and very hard. But I like it because it's challenging, and I never know what's going to happen. I like working in a team. We look after each other and work together.

4 Why do you like surfing?

My work is very stressful, so I surf to get away from it all. It's just me and the sea, and my mind switches off. I concentrate so hard on what I'm doing that I don't think about anything else.

5 How often do you go surfing?

I go surfing whenever I'm not working. Sometimes I'm on the beach before 7.00 in the morning. I go all over the world surfing. Next month I'm going to Costa Rica, and in the autumn I'm going to Thailand.

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Do you have a business?

I've got a surf school. I teach all ages, from kids to pensioners. The business is doing well. I'm also opening two shops that sell surfboards. The boards are made in South Africa. They're the best.

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What's your favourite day of the week?

I like Sundays best of all. I work as a lifeguard all day, then around 6.00 me and my mates barbecue some fish and have a few beers. Fantastic! I've been all round the world, but when I look around me, I think there's nowhere else I'd rather be.

- 2 Complete the questions about Dave. Then ask and answer them with a partner.

Has he got any children? **Yes, two.**

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| 1 Has ... any children? | 6 What ... think ... while ... surfing? |
| 2 How often ... them? | 7 Where ... next month? |
| 3 Why ... morning shift? | 8 ... business doing well? |
| 4 How many hours ...? | 9 What ... on Sunday evenings? |
| 5 What ... like about his job? | |

T 2.4 Listen and check.



T 2.4 Questions and answers

- 1 A Has he got any children?
B Yes, two.
- 2 A How often does he see them?
B Once a fortnight.
- 3 A Why doesn't he like the morning shift?
B Because he has to get up at 4.30.
- 4 A How many hours a day does he work?
B Ten
- 5 A What does he like about his job?
B He likes it because it's challenging, and he likes working in a team.
- 6 A What does he think about while he's surfing?
B He only thinks about surfing, nothing else.
- 7 A Where's he going next month?
B Costa Rica.
- 8 A Is his business doing well?
B Yes, it is. He's opening two shops.
- 9 A What do he and his friends do on Sunday evenings?
B They eat barbecued fish and drink beer.

