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Oral Practice



About you

- When and where were you born?
.....
- Where did you grow up?
.....
- What nationality are you?
.....
- How many languages do you speak?
.....
- What do you look like? Describe your appearance
.....
.....
- What kind of person are you? Describe your personality.
.....
.....



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About your family and friends

- Do you have a big or a small family?
.....
- Who are you closest to in your family? Why?
.....
- How do you get on with the other members of your family?
.....
- Do you have many friends?
.....
- Who is the person you ask for advice when you have a problem?
Why?
.....



1. Choose and circle.

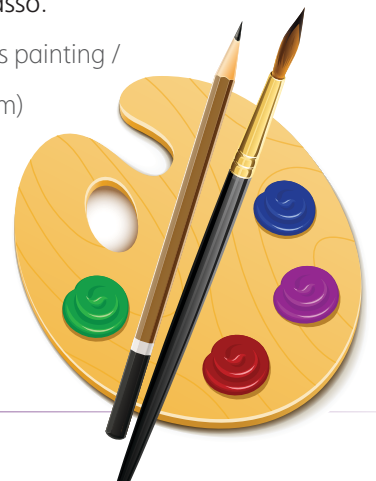
- These days more and more young people are moving / move to other countries to find a job.
- What time does the film start / is the film starting?
- Susan goes through / is going through a very difficult time this year.
- Our teacher plans / is planning an educational trip at the end of this month.
- The bus timetable is changing / changes twice a year.
- George attends / is attending computer lessons at weekends.
- She constantly tells / is constantly telling us what to do.
- Paul never works / is never working in summer. He is a teacher.


2. Fill in with the Present Simple or Continuous.

- travel**
 - My friends and I travel abroad at least once a year.
 - Margaret and her son are travelling to Egypt next month.
- think**
 - I am thinking of moving to Australia as an immigrant.
 - Do you think that Greek culture is similar to Spanish?
- taste**
 - This lemon pie tastes great.
 - Mum is tasting the food to see if it needs more salt.
- look**
 - Why are you looking at me? Is anything wrong?
 - You look tired. Have you been studying?
- see**
 - Thomas is seeing Mary tomorrow morning.
 - I rarely see my friends on weekdays.
- have**
 - Does Betty have long blonde hair?
 - Are we having dinner at a restaurant today?
- appear**
 - My favourite singer is appearing at a live concert tonight.
 - Our new teacher appears to be strict.
- not sleep**
 - Paul doesn't sleep before midnight, so you can call him.
 - Listen! The baby isn't sleeping. He is still awake.

3. Complete the sentences with the Present Simple or Continuous.

- What time does Sandra usually get up in the morning?
(Sandra / usually / get up / in the morning)
- Excuse me sir, you are sitting on my chair. (you / sit)
- Where is dad going at six o'clock in the morning today?
(dad / go / at six o'clock)
- Do you often read books in your free time? (you / often / read)
- Kate is having a bath at the moment. I will give her your message as soon as she comes out.
(Kate / have a bath / at the moment)
- Do you believe Tom's story? (you / believe)
- I am seeing Jacob and Brenda tonight. Would you like to come?
(I / see / Jacob and Brenda / tonight)
- This painting seems to be an authentic one by Picasso.
(This painting / seem)





4. Choose and circle.

1. He deals with many different people at work (every day) / today.
2. I have a motorbike but I don't use it (on Mondays) / at the moment.
3. Gary is staying at his friend's house sometimes / (these days) until he finds an apartment to rent.
4. Bill usually goes camping for a month (in summer) / this summer.
5. Peter's grandparents are coming from Australia every month / (next month).
6. George (rarely) / today goes out without his wife.
7. Do you visit your hometown (twice a year) / this year?
8. My brother is often / (always) reading my emails! I can't stand it!

5. Answer the questions about yourself. Use adverbs of frequency or time expressions where necessary.

1. How much time do you usually spend watching TV every day?

I usually spend ... hours watching TV every day.

2. How often do you go out with your friends?

I students' own answers

3. What are you doing tonight?

I

4. Where are you going this weekend?

I

5. How often do you visit your grandparents?

I

6. What are you wearing at the moment?

I

6. Write complete sentences in the Past Simple or Continuous.

1. I / not do / my homework

I didn't do my homework yesterday.

I wasn't doing my homework from 4 to 6 yesterday.

2. Mike / go / on a trip

Mike was going on a trip when we saw him.

Mike went on a trip last week.

3. Mr Cooper / leave / the office?

Was Mr Cooper leaving the office at that moment?

Did Mr Cooper leave the office an hour ago?

4. The children / play / football

The children played football last night.

The children were playing football all day yesterday.

5. I / have / a wonderful time / at the party

I was having a wonderful time at the party

while you were studying.

I had a wonderful time at the party

the other day.

6. Jenny / write / a composition

Jenny wrote a composition last night.

Jenny was writing a composition as I was reading a book.

7. Complete the text with the Past Simple or Continuous.

Last night, I ¹ had (have) a little adventure. Fortunately, everything ² turned out (turn out) well in the end. My friend Sheila invited me to go out with her in the evening but while we ³ were walking (walk) to the station, we ⁴ met (meet) some old friends and we ⁵ started (start) chatting. I ⁶ thought (think) that the last train back to my house was at 12:15 so I ⁷ had (have) to hurry up. As I ⁸ was walking (walk) into the metro station, I ⁹ realised (realise) that it was very quiet and that there were no passengers around. However, I ¹⁰ went down (go down) the stairs and as I ¹¹ was waiting (wait) for the train to come, a guard appeared and ¹² asked (ask) me what I ¹³ was doing (do) there at that time. When he ¹⁴ told (tell) me that the last train left at 12:00, I didn't know what to do. I went back outside and, guess what! My aunt ¹⁵ was driving (drive) past the station at exactly that moment and she took me back home. Wasn't I lucky?!



REMEMBER!

To **used to + infinitive** to χρησιμοποιούμε για συνήθειες ή καταστάσεις στο παρελθόν που δεν ισχύουν πια, ενώ το **would + bare infinitive** μόνο για συνήθειες στο παρελθόν και όχι για καταστάσεις.

8. Fill in with used to or didn't use to.

- There used to be a nice big park in our neighbourhood but the only thing you see now is busy streets.
- I didn't use to like vegetables but now I am a vegetarian.
- Students in Greece used to wear uniforms at school but nowadays they don't.
- In the past, people used to travel to America by ship.
- I used to go to bed very late but now I don't.
- She didn't use to enjoy horse riding but now she loves it.
- Henry didn't use to like Andrew but now they are good friends.

9. Fill in with used to or would. Both may both be possible. Then put (S) for state or (H) for habit.

- ☒ (H) When I was young, I used to / would go ice-skating every winter.
- ☒ (S) We used to live in the countryside for many years.
- ☒ (H) My grandfather used to / would walk 1 kilometre every morning.
- ☒ (S) Maria used to be very thin when she was young.
- ☒ (S) I used to like classical music when I was a teenager.
- ☒ (H) My father used to / would take me to the playground on Sundays.
- ☒ (H) She used to / would eat fish but now she prefers meat.
- ☒ (S) Ian used to love dancing.

10. Write sentences in the Present Perfect Simple. Include the word in brackets.

- Debbie / move into / a new house (just)
Debbie has just moved into a new house.
- You / meet / a famous person? (ever)
Have you ever met a famous person?
- We / not finish / lunch (yet)
We haven't finished lunch yet.
- George / want / to travel abroad (always)
George has always wanted to travel abroad.
- My boss / call / me (twice)
My boss has called me twice.
- They / send / fifty invitations (so far)
They have sent fifty invitations so far.
- You / have / any news / from Debbie? (yet)
Have you had any news from Debbie yet?

12. Fill in with the Present Perfect Continuous and for or since.

- The kids *have been waiting* (wait) for their friends *since* 12 o'clock.
- I *have been working* (work) in the same company *for* five years.
- Has the baby been crying* (the baby / cry) *for* a long time?
- Mum *hasn't been feeling* (not feel) well *since* yesterday.
- How long *have you been cooking* (you / cook)?
- *Since* 10 o'clock this morning.
- I *have been knocking* (knock) on your door *for* 15 minutes.
- Gregory *has been practising* (practise) for the race *for* months.
- Have they been constructing* (they / construct) that bridge *since* 2004?

REMEMBER!

since (από τότε που) + χρονικό σημείο στο παρελθόν
ή + πρόταση σε **Past Simple**
for (εδώ και) + χρονικό διάστημα

11. Choose and fill in.

since once so far just for yet never

- I have *just* arrived. Give me a few minutes to relax.
- Georgia has been on holidays *for* more than two weeks.
- Dad hasn't spoken to my teacher *yet*.
- We have lived in this flat *since* 2001.
- Fred has won a gold medal three times *so far*.
- I have worn these new shoes only *once*.
- I have *never* skipped lessons at school.

13. Choose and circle a or b.

- She is the most beautiful woman I *have ever* seen.
a. have ... been seeing **b.** have ... seen
- You look tired. What *have you* done all day?
a. have ... done **b.** have ... been doing
- Beth *has been* organising her wedding for months.
a. has been organising **b.** has organised
- Michael Schumacher *has won* the World Championship seven times so far.
a. has been winning **b.** has won
- Samantha *has found* a part-time job as a shop assistant.
a. has found **b.** has been finding
- Lucy *has been* jogging in the park for two hours.
a. has been jogging **b.** has jogged
- How long *have you* waited for us?
a. have ... waited **b.** have ... been waiting
- He *hasn't made* any mistakes in the test so far.
a. hasn't made **b.** hasn't been making

A. Warm-up

- Who do you usually go on holiday with?
- Where did you go last summer? Did you have a good time?
- Where do you prefer to go?
- Have you ever had a strange / bad experience during your holiday?

B. Writing Task

1. Jimmy is writing an email to his friend Tommy to describe how he spent his holiday last summer. Read Jimmy's email and fill in with a word / phrase from the box.

- a. immediately b. then c. maybe d. write back soon e. in the beginning
f. let me tell you g. spend our holidays h. have to admit

Hi Tommy!

What's up? How was your summer? ¹ *f* about mine.

You'll never believe where my dad and I went - to Mount Olympus! We don't usually ² *g* in the mountains, but when he suggested it, I ³ *a* said yes.

⁴ *e*, everything was amazing. We went climbing and from up there, the views were breathtaking. We had great company too. At night, we slept in special cabins just for climbers. But the next day, I started getting tired and the weather wasn't very good either. ⁵ *b*, when we were only half a mile from the peak, it began to rain really hard. So, unfortunately, we had to turn back, climb down the mountain and go home.

I ⁶ *h* I was disappointed and it was embarrassing to get back home and tell everyone I didn't make it to the top. Never mind! Now, it's my new ambition for next year.

⁷ *c* we can do it together! ⁸ *d* and let me know how you spent your holiday

Bye for now,
Jimmy

2. Put the following in the right order to make a summary of Jimmy's email.

- Where my dad and I spent our holiday last summer 2
- How I felt at the end of the trip 4
- What we did during our holiday 3
- Let me tell you about my holiday last summer. 1

3. Find a word / phrase from the text to:

- say why you're writing:
Let me tell you about ...
- add information:
In the beginning / Then
- show possibility:
maybe
- ask for a reply:
Write back soon

4. Organising your email: Follow the stages and write down your own ideas. You can also use ideas from the model.

SAY HI

INTRODUCTION

1. Greet your friend
2. Say why you're writing

MAIN BODY

1st PARAGRAPH:
Say who you were with
Where did you go

2nd PARAGRAPH:
Give information about:

- the scenery
- what you did
- the weather

CONCLUSION

1. Refer to your feelings
2. Express your ambition

SIGN OFF

• Hi (Tommy)

• How is everything going? / What's up?

• I'd like to tell you / I'm writing to tell you / Let me tell you about

• My family and I / My friend and I / My dad and I

• We travelled to a Greek island / We flew to Paris / We went to Mount Olympus

• The scenery was amazing/fantastic / The views were breathtaking

• We went swimming / We did extreme sports / We went climbing / We slept in special cabins

• The sun was shining / The weather was cold / The weather wasn't so good / It began to rain really hard

• I enjoyed myself / I felt great / I had a great time / I was disappointed / it was embarrassing ... to the top

• I hope / I want / I'm looking forward to / It's my new ambition for next year

• Your friend, / Love, / Bye for now,

EXTRA VOCABULARY

breathtaking που σου κόβει την ανάσα
cabin καλύβα

climber ορειβάτης
peak κορυφή

turn back γυρίζω πίσω

5. Writing Task

Write an email to a friend describing how you spent your holiday last summer. Refer to:

- where you went
- who you went with
- what you did together

Write about 120-150 words.