



“Practice Guide”

NAME: _____ **DATE:** _____ **CLASS:** _____

Present simple | present continuous

1 Circle the correct option.

- 1 Zoe *lives / living / live* with her parents and takes the bus to college every morning.
- 2 I can't talk to you right now because *I revise / I'm revising / I revises* for a test.
- 3 Do you want some coffee? *I don't study / I'm not studying / I study* at the moment.
- 4 'Please be quiet. I've got a headache.' 'OK. *I don't understand / I understand / I'm understanding*.'
- 5 Joe's happy in his job. He *works / work / working* for his uncle.
- 6 Can you turn your music down? *I'm revising / I revise / I'm not revising*.

2 Complete the e-mail with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets. Use short forms where possible.

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Hi, how ¹ _____ (you / do)?
 I'm well, but it ² _____ (not be) easy being a student when you also work. I ³ _____ (start) work early and ⁴ _____ (not finish) until five. Then, most days, I ⁵ _____ (go) straight to college and ⁶ _____ (I / often / be) there until ten at night. So I'm rarely at home in the week.

Today's Thursday and ⁷ _____ (I / cook) so I can have something to eat before I go out. I ⁸ _____ (not often get) the chance to do that - ⁹ _____ (I / usually / buy) a sandwich at college. ¹⁰ _____ (my brother / live) with me for a few weeks while he looks for somewhere else to live. ¹¹ _____ (He wait) to eat too so I'd better finish this and get back in the kitchen!

Cheers,

Comparatives & superlatives

4 Complete the sentences with the comparative or superlative form of the words in brackets.

- 1 My new house is _____ the old one. I've got lots of space now. (big)
- 2 I'm hoping to get _____ mark in the class. (good)
- 3 I like biology _____ of all the subjects I'm studying. It's difficult and boring. (less)
- 4 I love my bike. Riding a bike is _____ walking. (exciting)
- 5 This is _____ lecture I've been to. I'm enjoying it more than the others. (interesting)
- 6 I have _____ online friends of anyone I know. I only have 15 friends online. (few)
- 7 I think Italian food is _____ Spanish food. I like them both equally. (as nice)
- 8 My new car is _____ my old one, but it uses less petrol. (not as powerful)

Adverbial comparisons

5 Complete the sentences with the word and phrases.

- as beautifully as as carefully as better
 more quickly than more healthily the fastest
- 1 I need to start eating _____. I'm too fond of sweets!
 - 2 Jane doesn't work _____ she should. Look at all these mistakes.
 - 3 I usually do _____ in tests when I'm more relaxed.
 - 4 I can run _____ anyone else I know.
 - 5 He's not the best player, but he certainly runs _____.
 - 6 We can all sing, but no one can sing _____ our mother.



Unit 1 Word Bank

HOUSES & HOMES

Types of house

Several houses joined together side by side are called **terraced houses**. A separate house, not joined to any other house, is called a **detached house**, and a house joined with one other house on one side only is a **semi-detached** house. A large building containing a lot of flats / apartments is called a **block of flats** or an **apartment block**. A low **one-storey** house – all on one **floor** – is called a **bungalow**. A very large house with many rooms is called a **mansion**. A simple, small house in the country or in a village is called a **cottage**.

Renting or owning?

A person who pays **rent** to the **landlord** (who owns the house and **rents it out**) is a **tenant**. A person who buys a house is a **home owner**. If you borrow money from the bank to buy your house, that **loan** is called a **mortgage**.

Rented Accommodation in the UK

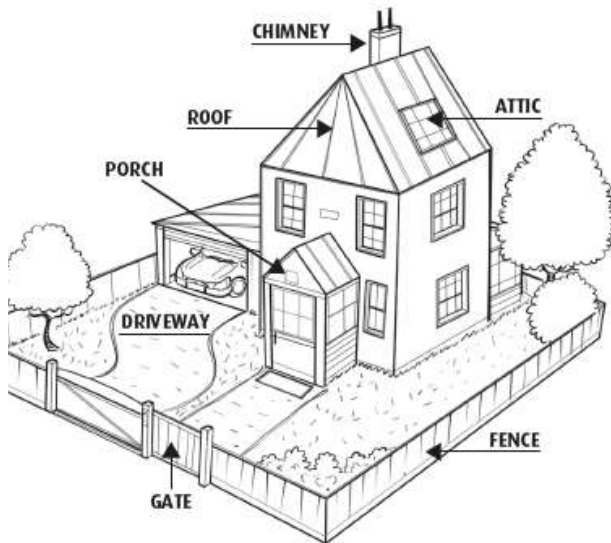
The cheapest option is to rent a room in a **shared house** or **flat**. These houses or flats have **shared facilities** such as kitchens and bathrooms. Also they usually have shared **communal areas** like sitting rooms.

You can also rent a **bedsit**, which is a bedroom and living room all in one. It usually has its own **kitchenette** (small kitchen area), but shares a bathroom with other bedsits. Renting a bedsit gives you a bit more **privacy** than if you just rent a room.

A flat with only one room is called a **studio**. This room is a living room, dining room and bedroom all in one, with a separate **en-suite bathroom** and either a **kitchenette** in the room or sometimes a separate kitchen off the room. The main benefit of renting a studio is that it is completely **self-contained** – you don't share anything. Rooms and bedsits are usually **fully furnished** (all the furniture is there), but a studio flat may be furnished, **semi-furnished** (with only some basic furniture), or even **unfurnished** (without furniture).

Parts of a house

Some houses have rooms in the **basement** (below ground level) or a **cellar** (a storage room below ground level). Some houses have a **utility room** – containing a washing machine, freezer, etc.



1 Answer the questions.

- 1 What type of house do you like best / least? Why?
- 2 What kind of rented accommodation would you like best / least? Why?
- 3 Would you prefer to rent a furnished or unfurnished room or flat? **chimney**
- 4 Do you think it's better to rent or own your home? Why?
- 5 Would you like to have your room in the attic or the basement? Why / Why not?

2 Find as many words as possible for these categories:

- a) outside the house
- b) in/on the roof
- c) under the ground

3 What other words do you know about houses and homes?

- a) other parts of the house
- b) different rooms in the house
- c) furniture and fittings



Unit 1 Word Hub Friendship

PERSONALITY

1 Complete the text with the words.

background close humour interests
 listener secrets sense trusted

Friendship

What makes a good friend?

Comment I spend a lot of my free time with my best mate, Martha. She's ¹ _____ in age to me (we're both 20, but she's two months older) and she's from a similar ² _____ (her parents are teachers, just like mine). We also have similar ³ _____ – we both love music and dancing. We're fans of the Foo Fighters and we go to Zumba classes together. Martha's always fun to be with as she's got a good ⁴ _____ of ⁵ _____, and we laugh at the same things. I think the two things I value most in her, though, are that she's a good ⁶ _____, especially when I have problems I need to talk about, and she can be ⁷ _____ with ⁸ _____. I can tell her anything and I know it won't go any further.

2 Match the qualities with the people.

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> adventurous | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> modest |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> flexible | 7 <input type="checkbox"/> open-minded |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> generous | 8 <input type="checkbox"/> patient |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/> honest | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> reliable |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> loyal | 10 <input type="checkbox"/> unselfish |

- Sam** said he'll come at 11.30 so I know he'll come then for sure – he never lets me down.
- Kate** brought back really great presents for us all from Spain – I think they cost her quite a lot of money.
- Sadiq** never tells lies, so if he said he didn't speak to Alice, he certainly didn't.
- I just couldn't make up my mind which jeans to buy and I spent ages trying on all the jeans in the shop. But **Tessa** didn't mind waiting at all.
- Lewis** went bungee jumping last weekend and is going to try a parachute jump next weekend! And in the holidays he wants to go climbing in the Himalayas.
- Amira** won the college tennis tournament, but she doesn't go around telling people about it.
- My timetable for next week kept changing so I had to phone **Ben** three times to change our arrangements – and each time he just said, 'No worries,' and changed his plans to fit in with me.

- Robyn** stayed with me when I wasn't feeling very well, instead of going to the gig she had tickets for.
- Tom** doesn't reject weird or unusual ideas – he's willing to give new ideas a chance.
- I was in trouble at college and at home, but **Imogen** supported me from beginning to end – a true friend!

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in capitals.

- My horse is rather _____ so he's sometimes difficult to control. **EXCITE**
- Freddie isn't very kind to his parents – I think he's rather _____. **CARE**
- Don't be so _____ – I'll only be a few minutes! **PATIENT**
- Lisa only thinks of herself – she's so _____. **SELF**
- When I got there, nobody even said hello! They seemed very _____. **FRIEND**
- There's no way you'll get Ray to change his plans – he's very _____. **FLEX**
- Grace's rather _____ so she won't want to come trekking in Albania with us. **ADVENTURE**
- I'm afraid I'm really _____ just now and I can't find anything in my room! **ORGANISE**

APPEARANCE

4 Circle the correct option.

- Jake isn't exactly fat, but he's a bit *chubby* / *thin* / *wavy*. He's got a thick *build* / *bald* / *beard* and short, *slim* / *curly* / *medium* hair.
- Molly's quite *long* / *shaped* / *slim* and has got medium-length, *wavy* / *skinny* / *shaven* hair. She's quite short-sighted and she wears trendy *studs* / *glasses* / *sideburns* – in fact, she's got several pairs in different colours.
- Joe's hair is amazing – he's got *dreadlocks* / *tattoos* / *glasses*, which he usually wears *cut* / *tied* / *shaped* back, and he's quite well- *tied* / *pierced* / *built* – he goes to the gym several times a week.
- Selena's got a *hat* / *heart* / *head*-shaped face and big, *pear* / *peanut* / *almond*-shaped eyes. They're not exactly green and they're not exactly brown, but *blue* / *hazel* / *grey*.