

# 09 Routines and exceptions

Use the present simple to describe routines, and the present continuous to say what you are doing now. These tenses are often used together.

 **New language** Exceptions

 **Vocabulary** Time markers

 **New skill** Contrasting routines and exceptions

## 9.1 KEY LANGUAGE CONTRASTING ROUTINES AND EXCEPTIONS

You can contrast a routine action with an exception to that routine by using "but."



I usually **drive** to work, but **today** I'm walking.

Adverbs of frequency help to show the present simple action is a routine.

The present simple describes something you do regularly.

Use "but" to contrast the actions.

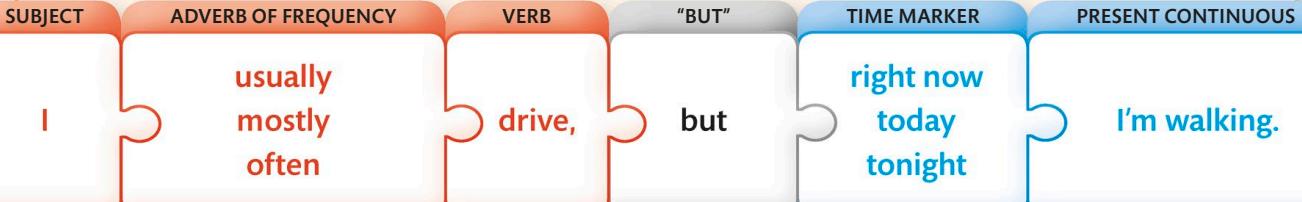
This is a time marker.



The present continuous describes something you are doing now.



## 9.2 HOW TO FORM CONTRASTING ROUTINES AND EXCEPTIONS



## 9.3 FURTHER EXAMPLES CONTRASTING ROUTINES AND EXCEPTIONS

I often **stay** at home on the weekends, but **today** I'm shopping in town.



They usually **go** to the gym after work, but **tonight** they're going to the movies.



Tonight, we're celebrating my birthday, but **normally** we don't eat out.



You can put the exception first.





## 9.4 FILL IN THE GAPS BY PUTTING THE VERBS IN THE CORRECT TENSES

Ben usually sings (sing) in the school band, but today he is playing (play) the guitar.

- 1 Sarah and I normally \_\_\_\_\_ (play) tennis on Wednesdays, but today we \_\_\_\_\_ (swim).
- 2 Today, I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) soup for lunch, but I usually \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a sandwich.
- 3 We often \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV in the evenings, but tonight we \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a party.
- 4 Ben and Tom usually \_\_\_\_\_ (work) until 6pm, but tonight they \_\_\_\_\_ (work) until 9pm.
- 5 Melanie \_\_\_\_\_ (ski) in France this winter, but she normally \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Italy.
- 6 Today, you \_\_\_\_\_ (drink) water, but you often \_\_\_\_\_ (have) coffee after lunch.



## 9.5 VOCABULARY TIME MARKERS



At the moment, I'm knitting.



I'm leaving right now.



I'm in a meeting this morning.



This afternoon, we're shopping.



Today, I'm on vacation.



They're seeing a play tonight.

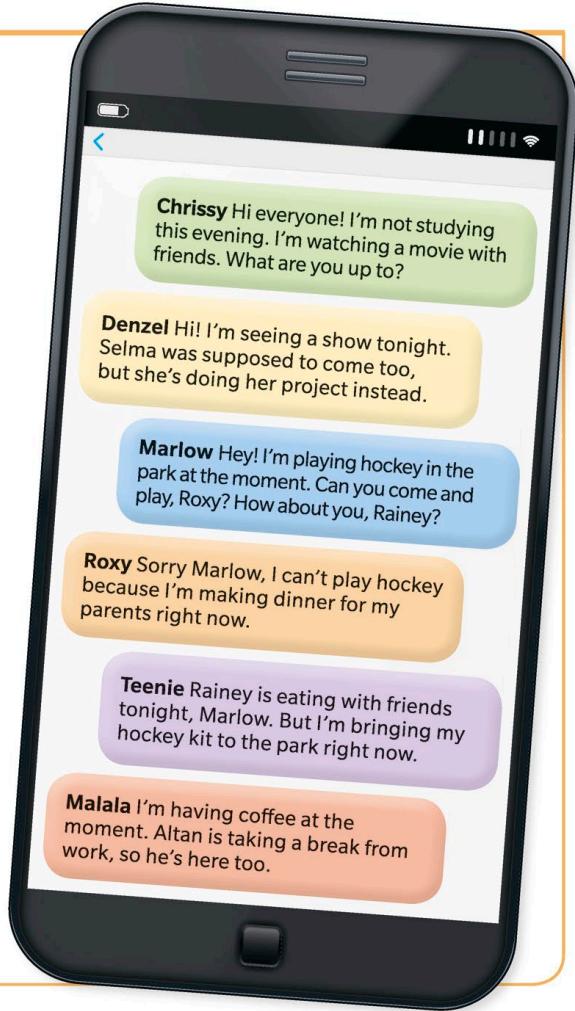




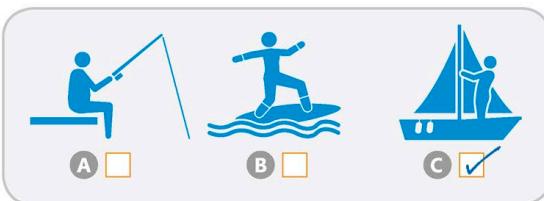
## 9.6 READ THE MESSAGES AND FILL THE GAPS USING THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Chrissy \_\_\_\_\_ *is watching a movie* \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1 Denzel \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 Selma \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 Marlow \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 Roxy \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 Rainey \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 Malala \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 Altan \_\_\_\_\_.



## 9.7 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND MARK WHICH ACTIVITIES ARE EXCEPTIONS



## 9.8 SAY THE SENTENCES OUT LOUD, PUTTING THE VERBS IN THE CORRECT TENSES

Phil usually runs (  run), but today he is cycling (  cycle). 

1 Sally usually swim (  swim), but right now play (  play) soccer. 

2 Abe normally read (  read), but tonight listen (  listen) to music. 

3 They often play (  play) golf, but today play (  play) hockey. 

4 I usually take (  take) a shower, but today take (  take) a bath. 

### 09 ✓ CHECKLIST

 Exceptions

 Aa Time markers

 Contrasting routines and exceptions

### ⟳ REVIEW THE ENGLISH YOU HAVE LEARNED IN UNITS 01–09

NEW LANGUAGE	SAMPLE SENTENCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	UNIT
TALKING ABOUT YOURSELF AND YOUR DAILY ROUTINE	I <b>am</b> Noah. I <b>am</b> 25 years old. I <b>eat</b> lunch at 1pm every day.	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.1, 2.1
THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS	She <b>is wearing</b> a red dress.	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.1
PRESENT CONTINUOUS QUESTIONS	What <b>is he</b> doing?	<input type="checkbox"/>	4.1
ACTION AND STATE VERBS	I <b>am reading</b> a book. I <b>love</b> books.	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.1
TALKING ABOUT YOUR FEELINGS	How <b>are you</b> feeling? I <b>am</b> feeling <b>happy</b> .	<input type="checkbox"/>	7.1
ROUTINES AND EXCEPTIONS	I <b>usually</b> <b>drive</b> to work, but <b>today</b> I'm <b>walking</b> .	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.1