

# 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

**Aa 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

SUBJECT	ADVERB OF FREQUENCY	VERB	"BUT"	TIME MARKER	PRESENT CONTINUOUS
I	usually mostly often	drive,	but	right now today tonight	I'm walking.

## 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.

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I'm leaving right now.

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I'm in a meeting this morning.

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This afternoon, we're shopping.

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Today, I'm on vacation.

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They're seeing a play tonight.

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## 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

4 Rainey \_\_\_\_\_.

6 Malala \_\_\_\_\_.

7 Altan \_\_\_\_\_.



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



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B ☐



C ☒

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A ☐



B ☐



C ☐

2



A ☐



B ☐



C ☐

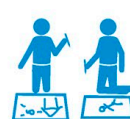
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A ☐




B ☐







C ☐





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

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

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

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

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

4 I usually \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) take) a shower, but today \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) 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'm 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 drive</b> to work, but <b>today I'm</b> walking.	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.1