

15 Daily routines

Collocations are groups of words that are often used together in English. You can use them to make your spoken English sound more natural.

 **New language** Collocations

 **Aa Vocabulary** Routines and chores

 **New skill** Talking about your day

15.1 KEY LANGUAGE COLLOCATIONS

Many household chores are described using collocations. Often the definite article ("the") is included.

English speakers would usually say "make" rather than "do" or "tidy" in this sentence.

COLLOCATION

He **makes the bed** every morning.



"The" sounds more natural than "his" in this sentence.



15.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES COLLOCATIONS

She **mows the lawn** every week.



I **walk the dog** every day.



I **do the cooking** every evening.

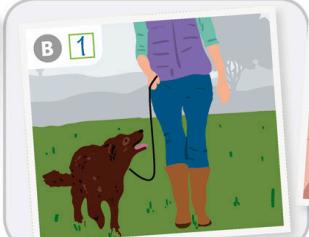


They **do the laundry** every Sunday.



15.3 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO, THEN NUMBER THE PICTURES IN THE ORDER THEY ARE DESCRIBED

Tatiana is visiting her friend Laura and they are talking about household chores.



15.4 KEY LANGUAGE COLLOCATIONS IN DIFFERENT TENSES

Collocations can be used in different tenses by changing the form of the verb.

PAST SIMPLE

He folded the towels this morning.



She did the dishes this afternoon.



PRESENT CONTINUOUS

He's watering the plants now.



They're clearing the table after lunch.



FUTURE WITH "WILL"

I'll sweep the floor this afternoon.



I'll load the dishwasher in a minute.



15.5 REWRITE THE NOTE, CORRECTING THE ERRORS

Hi Bill,

The Landlord is visiting tomorrow so please could you broom the floor, water the dishes, wet the plants, set the dishwasher, and cut the lawn?
Thanks,
Mandy

Hi Bill,
The landlord is visiting tomorrow so please could you sweep the floor,

15.6 SAY THE SENTENCES OUT LOUD, FILLING IN THE GAPS

I'll clear the table later.



1 He's sweeping the laundry now.



2 She water the plants every day.



3 Last night, they load the dog.



4 On Sunday, he'll cut the lawn.



5 He wet the dishes last night.



15.7 KEY LANGUAGE PRESENT SIMPLE AND PRESENT CONTINUOUS

The present simple describes routine actions. The present continuous describes actions that are occurring right now.

PRESENT SIMPLE (ROUTINE ACTION)

PRESENT CONTINUOUS (ACTION HAPPENING NOW)

I usually **cook** at home, but I'm **eating out** tonight.



15.8 CROSS OUT THE INCORRECT WORDS IN EACH SENTENCE



He usually **relaxes** / **is relaxing** at home in the evenings, but tonight **he plays** / **he's playing** tennis.

- 1 I'm **doing** / I **do** the laundry on Tuesdays, but this Tuesday we had visitors so I **do** / I'm **doing** it today.
- 2 He normally **goes out** / **is going out** for dinner, but **he's cooking** / **he cooks** at home tonight.
- 3 I **go** / I'm **going** to the gym every day after work, but today I'm **having** / I **have** coffee with a friend instead.
- 4 I'm **shopping** / I **shop** for clothes on my own today, but usually my friend **comes** / **is coming** with me.



15.9 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS



Maya visits her sister, Gita, to go shopping, but Gita is busy with chores.

Do Maya and Gita go shopping on Mondays?

Never Usually Always

3 Is this Gita's normal routine?

Yes No Sometimes

- 1 When does Gita usually do her laundry?

Weekends Fridays Tuesdays

4 What do Gita and Maya usually do after shopping?

Go for a run Have lunch Go home

- 2 When is Gita cleaning the house?

Tuesday Now Tomorrow

5 Who usually sweeps her floor?

Raj Maya Gita



15.10 READ THE ARTICLE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

The tablet screen shows a website for 'CELEBRITY INTERIORS'. The main title is 'AT HOME WITH POP ICON SUSIE TAYLOR'. Below it, a question is asked: 'So what's a normal day like for you, Susie?' followed by a response: 'Well, it starts early in the morning when I'm not on tour. I walk Missy, my dog. After that, I do normal things; I do the laundry and the cleaning.' To the right of this text are two images: a wicker armchair with a red and white patterned cushion, and a dining room with a table and chairs.

Really?
Yes, and I use the time to sing scales and practice my songs. I usually write songs and practice for about six hours in my studio every day as well.

That's a lot of time to fit into your schedule.
It's all part of the job. I don't normally wear such elegant clothes at home, but today I dressed up for this interview and photo shoot.

That is a lovely dress and you do have a beautiful home, Susie.
Doesn't anyone help you keep it looking so gorgeous?
Sure. You can hear Kurt loading the dishwasher, and I have a gardener, Jack. He's outside mowing the lawn now. I don't do that as I don't like the noise.

Well, I'm glad to hear you have some help.

What does Susie do every morning?

Susie walks the dog every morning.

1 What does Susie also usually do when cleaning?

2 Does she usually wear elegant clothes at home?

3 What is Susie doing at the moment?

4 Who normally helps Susie with the chores?

5 Why doesn't Susie like mowing the lawn?

15 ✓ CHECKLIST

Collocations

Routines and chores

Talking about your day