Unit 1 Homes and habits

Starting off

1 With a partner, look at the two pictures and the photo of Julia. Which do you think is her room? Why?

2 Listen to Julia, and check your answer.

3 Look at the underlined words from the recording. Match 1–6 to the expressions a–f with similar meanings.

1 I’m out quite a lot then a the things I like most
2 it’s not a particularly big room b somebody visits me
3 I’ve got all my favourite things there c not in very much
4 but there just isn’t any space there d beginning to improve
5 I’m starting to get better e rather a small
6 when I have someone round f it’s completely full up

Listening Part 4

1 Read these instructions.

- You will hear a conversation between a girl, Zoe, and a boy, Lucas, about daily habits in different countries.
- Decide if each sentence 1–5 is correct or incorrect.
- If it is correct, put a tick (✓) in the box under A for YES. If it is not correct, put a tick (✗) in the box under B for NO.
Before you listen, look at the underlined part of each sentence 1–5 and think of other expressions that mean the same, or the opposite.

A B
YES NO

1 Lucas says that everywhere closes early in his town. [ ] [ ]
2 Lucas and Zoe agree that taxis are too expensive. [ ] [ ]
3 Zoe believes that Lucas’s town can be dangerous at night. [ ] [ ]
4 Zoe says people in the north of Europe get up earlier than those in the south. [ ] [ ]
5 Lucas thinks it is a good idea to sleep for a short time after lunch. [ ] [ ]

Now listen to the conversation and tick (✓) the boxes.

Prepositions of time

Zoe says at six o’clock and in the evening. PET candidates often make mistakes with prepositions of time. Circle the correct option in italics in sentences 1–5.

1 The weather is cold in night. [ ] [ ]
   2 School starts at 8 o’clock on in the morning. [ ] [ ]
   3 We got there at on Friday evening. [ ] [ ]
   4 I’ll see you on at 4 o’clock. [ ] [ ]
   5 His birthday is on in July. [ ] [ ]

With a partner, put these expressions in the correct columns. Then think of more expressions to add to each column.

… the weekend … the morning … summer
… April 24 … 2010 … the holidays
… half past two … bedtime … Saturdays

Discuss these questions about the recording with your partner. Use expressions from Exercise 4.

1 Why do you think different parts of the world often have different daily routines?
2 Which of the daily routines you heard about is more like yours? In what ways?
3 Which do you think is better? Why?

Grammar

Frequency adverbs: question forms

Look at these words and sentences from the recording and answer the questions below.

… they often go out after that …
… they don’t usually have their main meal …
… there are always lots of people around …
… older people go to bed early most nights …
… the school day is normally about the same …

1 Do frequency adverbs like often go before or after the main verb? [ ] [ ]
2 What happens with the verb be? [ ] [ ]
3 Where do frequency expressions like most nights go? [ ] [ ]

Put the words in brackets in the correct position in these sentences.

1 I listen to music on the radio. (occasionally) I occasionally listen to music on the radio.
2 I check my email. (every two hours)
3 I’m late for school. (never)
4 I write letters to friends. (sometimes)
5 I don’t have lunch at home. (always)
6 I’m sleepy in the morning. (almost every day)
7 I go out on Monday nights. (hardly ever)
8 I stay in bed late. (most weekends)

How true are sentences 1–8 for you? Rewrite those that are not true, using different frequency adverbs and expressions.

I rarely listen to music on the radio. I listen to music on the radio nearly all the time.
Work in groups. Ask about these activities and answer using frequency adverbs plus the correct preposition of time.

arrive at school or work  get home
get up in the morning  go to bed
have breakfast  have dinner  have lunch

When do you get up?
I always get up at 7.30 in the morning.

Ask a partner questions about the following, beginning Do you ever or How often do you . . . . Use expressions like every day, once a week and twice a month in your answers.

chat online  cook a meal  go dancing
read a magazine  send text messages  tidy your room

Do you ever chat online?
Yes, I chat online every evening.

How often do you send text messages?
I send one every half hour!

Now do the same with activities 1–3.

Reading  Part 5

1 Work in small groups and answer these questions.

• In what ways are the homes in the pictures different from ordinary homes?
• What are the advantages and disadvantages of living in each?
• Which would you like to live in? Why?

2 Quickly read the text at the top of page 11, without filling in the gaps, and answer these questions.

• What kind of text (e.g. story, article) is it?
• What is the text about?
• Which of the pictures on the right shows this building?
• Which parts of it are the sails and the balcony?
• Which five of the points below are in the text?

1 The family built a windmill and they now live in it.
2 The Wraysbury windmill is four centuries old.
3 The windmill has the same kind of rooms as a house.
4 Living in a windmill is different from living in a house.
5 There are sometimes fires in the windmill.
6 The windmill has a fire exit.
7 The windmill will make its own power.
8 They used material from abroad to build the windmill.
Teenager Charlie Larcombe lives in an amazing home: a wooden windmill. His parents built the windmill in the pretty English village of Wraysbury, basing their design on a 400-year-old mill in the same area.

Inside, there are five levels. The ground floor is the largest, containing the living room, dining room and kitchen. Upstairs, the first and second floors have bedrooms, a tiny office and the bathroom. The Larcombes use the third floor for storing things, and the fourth, at the top of the mill, is the part that looks like a boat and holds the sails.

Living in a windmill brings a number of changes to normal life. The family found the shape of their new home a little strange at first. All the rooms are round, so there are no corners, and the ceilings seem quite small compared to the floors.

It has central heating and it’s very cosy, but fire is a danger – it is made of wood. There is a water system in each ceiling, so if there is a fire, the people inside can flood every level in seconds. Also, the balcony around the outside of the mill provides an escape route from the upper floors.

The Larcombes used local materials to build the windmill, including pieces from old cottages and farm buildings in the nearby area. The one last job is to complete the 8-metre long sails. They hope to use wind energy to create all the electricity the mill needs – and perhaps also enough for ten other houses in the village.

We often believe that living in a cave is from the distant past, the days of cavemen and cavewomen, but nowadays a of people are buying cave homes. The climate is changing and temperatures around the world are, but inside a cave it remains cool, even summer.

I am sitting in a cave home in Cappadocia, one of the hottest parts of Turkey, three o’clock on a July afternoon. Outside it reaches 35 degrees almost day, but in here it is only 18. It never falls much below that, even during the coldest months.

Modern cave homes like this often have a phone, satellite TV and an Internet, and they are very comfortable. The bedrooms are very quiet, dark and cool, people love sleeping in them. And, they say, it’s easy to make more room for yourself. You just dig a bigger room!
Read the text on page 11 about living in caves again and choose the correct word for each space, A, B, C or D. Use the questions in italics to help you.

0 A anything B everything C something D nothing

1 A little B many C few D lot

Which word goes before ‘of’ and a noun?

2 A rising B lifting C adding D raising

Which verb does not need an object?

3 A about B in C on D round

Which preposition goes with the seasons?

4 A at B during C for D by

Which preposition usually goes with exact times?

5 A some B both C every D another

Which word completes the frequency expression?

6 A bridge B connection C relation D tie

Which word usually goes with ‘Internet’?

7 A So B Since C Until D Even

Which linking word means ‘because’ at the beginning of a sentence?

8 A area B floor C land D space

Which word means ‘empty’, on and above the ground?

Discuss these questions in pairs.

• Would you like to live in a cave home? Why (not)?
• Which other unusual places to live do you know of?

Grammar

Present simple and present continuous; state verbs

Match extracts 1–4 from the text with uses a–d of the present simple and present continuous.

1 I am sitting in a cave
2 the climate is changing
3 it remains cool, even in summer
4 it reaches 35 degrees almost every day

a it’s always true
b it’s happening now
c it happens regularly
d it’s in progress

Complete the email with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the present simple or the present continuous.

Hi David,


Bye for now,

Pamela

Verbs that describe states are not normally used in continuous forms:

We often believe that living in a cave … not we are often believing inside a cave it remains cool … not it is remaining

Which of these are state verbs?

belong change consist contain dream exist fill forget
prefer relax remember matter mean need own paint
Ask your partner questions using state verbs and note down their answers.

Do you belong to a youth club? Do you ever forget important things?

Now work with a different partner. Ask questions about their first partner.

Does she prefer weekdays or weekends? (Answer: She prefers weekends.)

Make questions using the present simple or the present continuous, adding and changing words where necessary. Then answer the questions in full sentences.

1. what / 'state verb' / mean?
   What does 'state verb' mean?
   State verbs aren't usually used in continuous forms.

2. you / prefer / to get up / early or late?

3. anybody at your house / watch / TV / at the moment?

4. what colour clothes / you / wear / today?

5. which things / in your house / belong / to you?

6. what / you / sometimes / forget / to do / in the morning?

Think of a close friend. Tell your partner these things about them:

• facts, e.g. She lives in ..., she belongs to ...
• things they often do, e.g. He often plays ...
• something they’re doing over a period of time, e.g. She’s learning Spanish.
• what you think they’re doing right now, e.g. He’s walking home.

Vocabulary
House and home; countable and uncountable nouns

Which of these does your home have?

balcony  bathroom  bedroom  corridor

dining room  garage  garden  hall  kitchen

lavatory  living room  stairs

With a partner, decide in which room the items in the box would normally be.

armchair  bath  bell  blankets  chest of drawers

cooker  cupboards  cushions  dishwasher

fridge  microwave  mirror  pillow  sink  sofa
taps  toilet  towels  washbasin  washing machine