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## Football? Soccer?



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Complete the dialogue using the words below. Then listen and check.

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**Jess** Hi, Emma!

**Emma** Hi! Sorry I'm late. Wow, what are all these people <sup>1</sup>..... here today?

**Jess** The football stadium isn't far from here. There must be a game today. It's funny, I've <sup>2</sup>..... here <sup>3</sup>..... I was born, but I've never been to the stadium before. Have you ever been to a football game?

**Emma** Yes, I've <sup>4</sup>..... to a few games—high-school games! Hey, do you <sup>5</sup>..... that cute guy over there? I think he's lost ... Hello! Are you <sup>6</sup>..... for the stadium?

**Zach** Oh, hi. Yes, I am!

**Jess** It's not far from here. Just walk straight ahead and then turn right at the end of the street. Where are you from?

**Zach** I'm from Colorado. I'm just <sup>7</sup>.....

**Emma** How long have you been here?

**Zach** <sup>8</sup>..... a week. I've always <sup>9</sup>..... to see a professional football game ... Have you <sup>10</sup>..... tickets, too?

**Jess** No, we aren't going to the game. We're going to have lunch! Do you want to join us before the game starts? There's a good place to eat close to the stadium.

**Zach** OK! That sounds great!

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Answer the questions.

- 1 Why does Emma say she's sorry?
- 2 Why are there so many people around?
- 3 How long has Jess lived in the area?
- 4 Where does Zach live?
- 5 Why is he in town?

## Talking on the phone



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Listen to two dialogues. Match the speaker and the activity.

- |         |                        |
|---------|------------------------|
| 1 Max   | a) doing homework      |
| 2 Kelly | b) shopping            |
| 3 Eve   | c) traveling somewhere |



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Listen again and answer the questions.

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 What is Kelly thinking of buying? | 3 What is he doing this weekend? |
| 2 Who is Max meeting?               | 4 Where is Eve?                  |

# Language Focus

## Vocabulary Sports apparel

1 List the items that each person is wearing. Then write the correct letter next to each sport.

- cleats    glove    goggles    helmet    pads  
 shirt    shorts    socks    sneakers    tank top

1 .....    2 .....    3 .....    4 .....    5 .....

6 .....    7 .....    8 .....    9 .....    10 .....

football .....    swimming .....    running .....    soccer .....    baseball .....

2 Which words from Exercise 1 can be used with *a pair of ...*? Write them below.

- |         |         |
|---------|---------|
| 1 ..... | 5 ..... |
| 2 ..... | 6 ..... |
| 3 ..... | 7 ..... |
| 4 ..... |         |

## Buying things in a sporting goods store

3 Complete the dialogue using the words below. Then listen and check.

- help    pair    size    try

**Salesclerk** Can I <sup>1</sup>..... you?  
**Customer** Yes, I need a <sup>2</sup>..... of bike shorts.  
**Salesclerk** OK. What <sup>3</sup>..... are you?  
**Customer** About a 10, I think.  
**Salesclerk** OK, why don't you <sup>4</sup>..... these on?  
**Customer** Thanks.

# Grammar

## Simple present / present continuous / present perfect (review)

1 Write the number of the sentences in the correct place in the table.

Habits, routines	Things happening now	Experiences someone has had up to now
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|---------------------------------|--|
| 1 Have you ever been to Egypt?  | 6 What's the best movie you've ever seen?          |
| 2 What time do you get up?      | 7 What have you done to your hair?                 |
| 3 What are you listening to?    | 8 Who are you talking to?                          |
| 4 Are you surfing the Internet? | 9 Are you scared of heights?                       |
| 5 Where do they play baseball?  | 10 What are you studying in science this semester? |

2 Complete the sentences with the present perfect of the verbs in parentheses.

- What's that nice smell? ..... fresh bread? (you make)
- I ..... to learn Spanish. (always want)
- I'm sure I know you. .... somewhere before? (we meet)
- ..... your library books back? (you take)
- I'm not ready to run a marathon. I ..... enough. (not train)
- How long ..... the same hairdo? (you have)
- We ..... a test for about two months. (not have)
- Maybe that letter will arrive later today. The mail ..... (not come) yet.

3 Circle the correct verb.

- A Sarah! Can you pick up the phone? It's someone for you.

B I can't come now. *I wash/I'm washing* my hair!
- A Why aren't you eating your hamburger?

B It's disgusting. *I'm not liking/I don't like* it.
- A Can I borrow your phone for a minute?

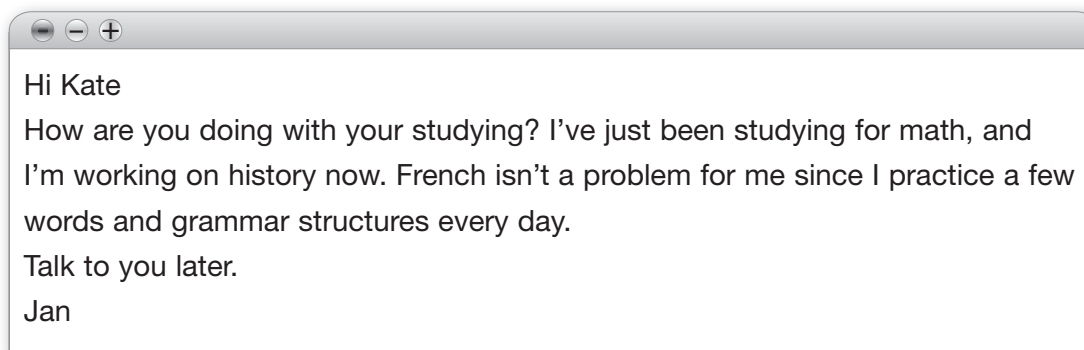
B Not right now. *I wait/I'm waiting* for an important call.
- A Have you finished that book?

B No, *I still read/I'm still reading* it.
- A Where's Alan?

B I don't know. *I'm not seeing/I haven't seen* him for a long time.
- A You know this town really well, don't you?

B Of course! *I've lived/I lived* here since I was born!

**4 Read the email and answer the questions.**



Hi Kate  
 How are you doing with your studying? I've just been studying for math, and I'm working on history now. French isn't a problem for me since I practice a few words and grammar structures every day.  
 Talk to you later.  
 Jan

- 1 What has Jan already studied? .....
- 2 What does she practice every day? .....
- 3 What is she studying right now? .....

**5 Complete the questions and short answers.**

- 1 Have Mike and Jenny *arrived*? (arrive) No, they .....
- 2 ..... you ..... your homework? (do) Yes, I .....
- 3 ..... he ..... the new U2 CD? (buy) Yes, he .....
- 4 ..... your parents ..... on vacation? (go) No, they .....

**6 Complete each sentence with the correct tense of the verb in parentheses.**

- 1 Hurry up! You ..... on the phone since 10 o'clock! (be)
- 2 I ..... usually ..... *Lost* on TV. (not watch)  
 But this series ..... really good during the past few weeks. (be)
- 3 James ..... to karate lessons twice a week. (go)
- 4 I can't find my purse anywhere. Are you sure you ..... it? (not see)
- 5 ..... you ..... any good books right now? (read)
- 6 I ..... often ..... crossword puzzles. (not do)
- 7 Shh! I ..... to a really interesting talk show. (listen)

**7 Match the questions and answers.**

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|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1 Have you ever ridden on a motorcycle?            | a) For about four years.            |
| 2 Do you ever go mountain biking?                  | b) I went snowboarding last year.   |
| 3 How long have you had that watch?                | c) No, but I've done most of it.    |
| 4 Has your hair always been blonde?                | d) No, I haven't. I'm a vegetarian! |
| 5 Have you finished the crossword puzzle?          | e) No, I don't.                     |
| 6 What's the most exciting thing you've ever done? | f) Yes, I have.                     |
| 7 Have you ever eaten deer?                        | g) Yes, since I was born.           |

# Skills

## Listening

- 1 Look at the photo and the advertisement for a TV documentary and guess the answers to the questions.



- 1 Where and what do free-climbers climb?
  - a) cliffs along the coast
  - b) buildings in cities
  - c) rocks in the country
- 2 What do they use to climb?
  - a) ropes
  - b) ladders
  - c) bare hands
- 3 Why is Alain Robert called the human spider?
  - a) He wears a Spiderman costume when he climbs.
  - b) He uses ropes that make him look like a spider.
  - c) He climbs vertically just like a spider.
- 4 How many climbs has he done?
  - a) 10
  - b) More than 50
  - c) 50

Pick of the week on TV tonight

Free-climbing  
 with the  
**HUMAN  
 SPIDER**

A fascinating look at the life and  
 climbs of Alain Robert.

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- 2 Listen and check your answers.

## Reading

### 3 Read the article and answer the questions.

Would you enjoy clinging to the vertical wall on the outside of a 90-floor office block with hundreds of people watching you from the ground—and police waiting to arrest you when you reached the top of the building? Well, it's just a normal day in the life of Alain Robert, "the human spider."

Alain is a world-famous French "free urban climber." Free-climbers like Alain don't usually use any ropes, helmets, or other safety equipment. They climb using just their bare hands and climbing shoes. It's one of the most dangerous extreme sports in the world. And Alain doesn't climb for fame or money, although he has earned money through climbing some buildings for advertising. For example, in 2003 he climbed a building in London, England, wearing a Spiderman costume, to promote the movie. He began climbing rock cliffs as a young boy. His first "free climb" was when he was around 12. He'd forgotten his keys and couldn't get into his home on the seventh floor of an apartment building. So instead of waiting for his parents to come home, he climbed up the outside of the building and got in through an open window. He says



that from that moment on, he wanted to be a climber.

Since then, he has climbed more than 80 of the world's tallest buildings, often without permission. He has been arrested several times after these climbs, and has had five serious falls in his life. But none of these experiences has stopped him from attempting more and more dangerous climbs.

He admits that he puts his life in danger every time he climbs, but he says that climbing this way has now become "a habit." Which building is he planning to climb next? We'll have to wait and see!

- 1 How long has Alain Robert been free-climbing?
- 2 How many buildings has he climbed?
- 3 Has anyone ever paid him for climbing? When? Why?
- 4 Has he ever had serious accidents?
- 5 Why do the police often arrest him after his climbs?
- 6 Which building is he planning to climb next?

## Writing for your Portfolio

### 4 Read the questions in Exercises 1 and 3 again. Write an imaginary interview with Alain Robert using the information from the article.

Paragraph 1: Explain who Alain Robert is and why he is famous.

Paragraph 2: Write your questions and his answers.

Paragraph 3: Say what you think about Alain Robert and free-climbing.