

MEETING PEOPLE

Listen to the [audio](#) "A2 Elementary Listening" before the start of the lesson.

1 WARM UP

How many synonyms can you think of for the words below?

Work as a class and aim to get at least 2 synonyms for each word.

1. Good - **great, awesome, brilliant, terrific, marvellous, excellent, outstanding.**
2. Bad - **poor, unacceptable, awful, terrible, useless, rubbish, dreadful, garbage.**
3. Happy - **content, cheerful, delighted, glad, satisfied, pleased.**
4. Sad - **unhappy, depressed, down, miserable, blue, glum, down.**
5. Small - **tiny, mini, little, short, miniature, compact, modest.**
6. Big - **massive, huge, gigantic, giant, immense, enormous.**
7. Hot - **warm, boiling, heated, humid, scorching, tropical.**
8. Cold - **cool, freezing, icy, wintery, frosty, chilly.**

Task - Create sentences with any new synonyms you learned.



2 PERSONAL DESCRIPTIONS

Study the words in the box, then match each word with the most suitable picture.

generous

funny

talented

competitive

friendly

adventurous



1. **generous**

2. **talented**



3. **competitive**

4. **funny**

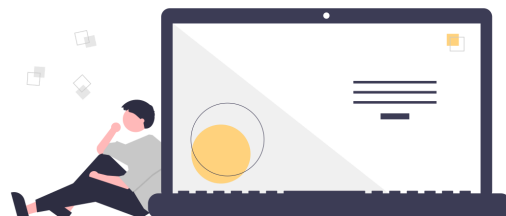


5. **friendly**

6. **adventurous**

Use the words above to create sentences which describe:

- Your classmates.
- Your family.
- Celebrities.



3 EXPAND YOUR VOCABULARY

Task 1: Study the words below, can you find the odd one out in each row?

1. confident / **shy** / outgoing / sociable / talkative
2. positive / optimistic / cheerful / **pessimistic** / hopeful
3. **serious** / adventurous / wild / daring / free spirit
4. boring / dull / **interesting** / repetitive / mundane
5. sporty / **funny** / athletic / active / energetic

Task 2: Create sentences to describe people or events with any new words learned.

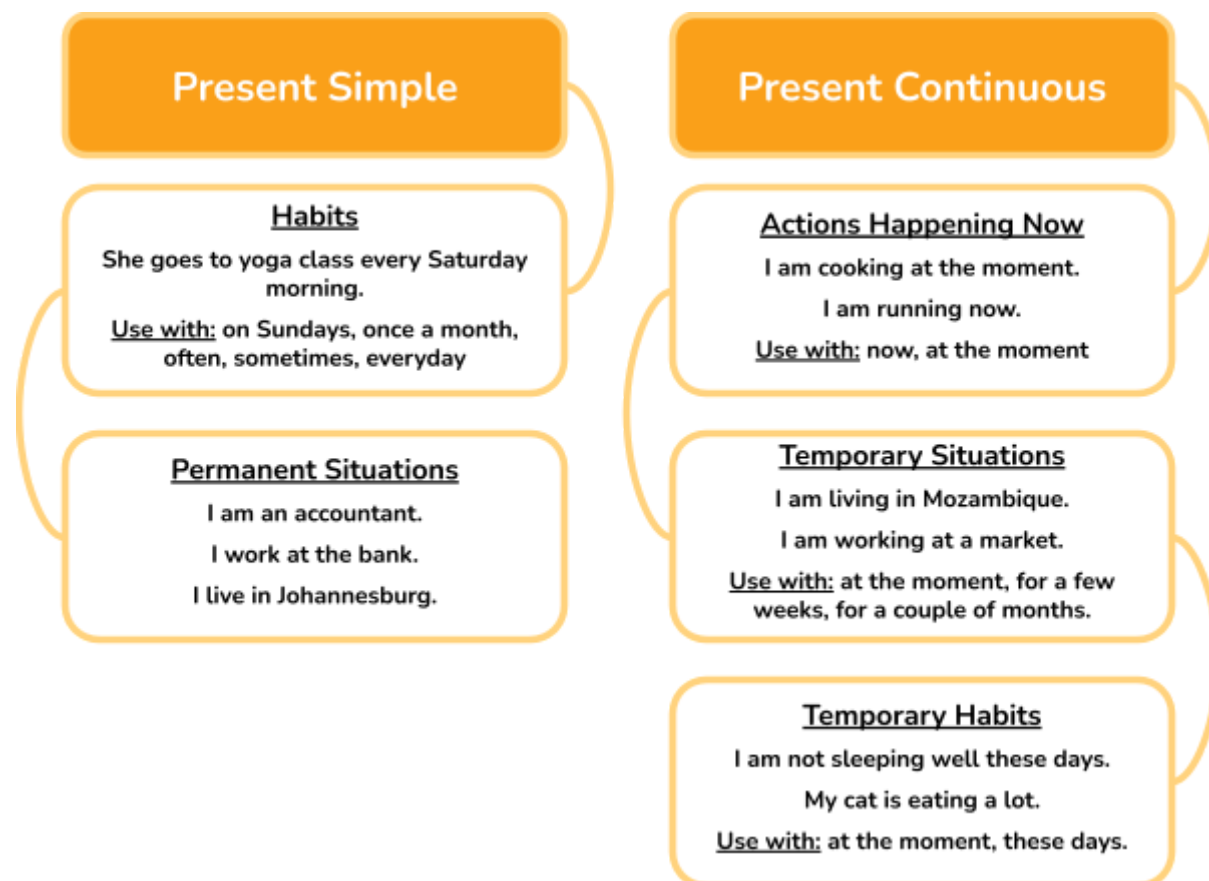
Task 3: Can you identify which sentence has a similar meaning?

1. Johnny is very pessimistic.
 - a. **Johnny thinks bad things will happen.**
 - b. Johnny thinks good things will happen.
 - c. Johnny does bad things.
2. Janet is an outgoing person.
 - a. **Janet goes out a lot.**
 - b. Janet likes to stay at home.
 - c. Janet is a shy person.
3. You should be more athletic.
 - a. You should spend more time with friends.
 - b. **You should play more sports.**
 - c. You should study more.
4. Richard is a very loyal person.
 - a. Richard hasn't got any friends.
 - b. **Richard is a good friend.**
 - c. Richard does not like spending time with friends.
5. John is a very talented piano player.
 - a. John doesn't play the piano very well.
 - b. John plays the piano every day.
 - c. **John plays the piano very well.**



4 PRESENT SIMPLE VS PRESENT CONTINUOUS

When do we use the present continuous? When do we use the present simple? Read the information below to find out.



Task: Use the present continuous tense to describe what each person is doing below.

Use the verb in brackets as a guide, but you may create your own original sentence.



1. She is listening to music.



2. She is sending an email.



3. **They are relaxing on a park bench.**



4. **They are walking on the beach.**



5. **She is talking to her friend on the phone.**



6. **She is playing the guitar.**

Task 3: Complete the sentences using the present simple or present continuous.

1. Hannah and John are **studying** (study) Spanish at school this year.
2. Does Jack **sell** (sell) laptops in his shop?
3. Is the bus **leaving** (leave) now?
4. Don't stand there! I'm **watching** (watch) the TV.
5. Kim and Sven always **relax** (relax) in the pub at lunchtime.
6. Everybody is **working** (work) hard in the office.

Task 4: Write questions for the answers using the present simple or continuous.

1. **Does John have a Facebook account?**
 - a. No, he doesn't. John doesn't have a Facebook account.
2. **Is she studying at the library?**
 - a. Yes, she is. She is studying at the library.
3. **Does Tom buy things on the internet?**
 - a. Yes, he does. Tom always buys new things on the internet.
4. **Is he playing football with his friends?**
 - a. Yes, he is playing football with his friends.
5. **Do you go to the gym after work?**
 - a. No, I don't go to the gym after work. I exercise in the park instead.

5 MEETING PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRY

Listen to the [audio](#), then answer the questions below.

1. Who did Victoria live with in Manchester?
 - a. Her husband.
 - b. Her husband and three sons.
 - c. **Her husband and three children.**
2. Why did Victoria want to leave the city?
 - a. **She wanted to have more time with her children.**
 - b. She has a new job in the country.
 - c. She doesn't like the traffic in the city.
3. What did Victoria notice during first few weeks in the country?
 - a. There are more animals.
 - b. **The air is fresher.**
 - c. Public transport is better.
4. What new hobbies do the children have?
 - a. Gardening.
 - b. Hiking.
 - c. **Growing vegetables.**
5. What do the family like to do together in the evenings?
 - a. They like to sing together.
 - b. They like to watch TV together.
 - c. **They like to cook together.**
6. What clubs has Victoria joined?
 - a. Cooking club.
 - b. **She hasn't joined a club.**
 - c. Language club.
7. Where did Victoria meet her friends?
 - a. **At work.**
 - b. At the supermarket.
 - c. At the gym.
8. What does Victoria miss about her new life in the country?
 - a. **A day out at a museum or gallery.**
 - b. All her friends.
 - c. Shopping in the city centre.



6 MEETING PEOPLE IN A NEW CITY

Read about two people's lives in a new city, then answer the questions.

Jack is 25 years old and lives in London. He is moving to London in 6 months because he has a new job in the city. Jack has never been to London, and he does not know anybody who lives in the city. He is very nervous about making new friends because he is shy and has not made any new friends since he was in school. However, in order to meet new friends, he plans to join a local football team because he loves playing football. He also plans to go and watch Chelsea football club - surely he will meet new friends there! Jack also believes he will be able to hang out with his colleagues after work or even at the weekend because he hopes they will have a lot of things in common.

Hi there! My name is Nathan. I am 33 years old and I live in Buenos Aires. I moved here 3 months ago from the United States of America. I am really enjoying my time in the city because I have made lots of friends. When I arrived, I joined a language club because I needed to learn Spanish, and I have been a member of the language club ever since. We are a group of ten people who meet three times a week to practise and improve our Spanish. I have made some close friends within the group who I hang out with on the weekends. My best friend is Charlie. She is funny and generous, but the quality I like most about her is that she is adventurous—we are even going rock climbing next week!

Task 2: Decide if the following statements are true or false.

1. Jack has been living in London for 6 months. **F**
2. Jack is nervous about making new friends because he is shy. **T**
3. Jack thinks that he won't have anything in common with his new colleagues. **F**
4. Nathan is having a difficult time making new friends. **F**
5. Nathan met a great group of people at a language club. **T**
6. Nathan likes Charlie because she is friendly and intelligent. **F**

Task 3: Answer the questions.

1. Why is Jack nervous about moving to London? **He is nervous about meeting new people. He doesn't know anyone in London, and he's never been there.**
2. How does Jack plan to meet new people? **Through playing and watching football.**
3. How did Nathan make new friends in Buenos Aires? **At a language club.**
4. Describe Nathan's language club. **It is a Spanish language club of ten people that meets three times a week to practise and improve their Spanish.**
5. Use adjectives from exercise 3 to describe Jack and Nathan. Explain your answers.
6. Can you think of three more ways to meet people in a new city?

7 DESCRIBING PICTURES

Study the following images, then answer the questions. The vocabulary from exercises two and three is in the box, which you may use in your answers.

confident	shy	outgoing	sociable	talkative
positive	optimistic	cheerful	pessimistic	hopeful
serious	adventurous	wild	daring	free spirit
boring	dull	interesting	repetitive	mundane
sporty	funny	athletic	active	energetic
generous	talented	competitive	friendly	adventurous



1. Describe each person in the pictures.
2. What do you think is happening in each picture?
3. Where do you think the people met?
4. Are your friends similar to any of the people in the pictures?
5. Predict what is going to happen next in each picture.
6. Which picture do you like best? Explain.

8 LET'S TALK

Discuss the following questions as a class. Use all the words and information learned in today's class. Remember, this is your opportunity to practise speaking, so say as much as you can and have fun!

1. Who is your best friend? Describe them.
2. How would your best friend describe you?
3. What qualities do you value most in a friend?
4. Where did you meet your best friend?
5. What common interests do you have with your friends?
6. When was the last time you made a new friend?
7. Is it possible to form real friendships with colleagues?
8. Where do you like to hang out with friends?
9. Do you think it's a good idea to make friends online?
10. Are you good friends with your siblings and relatives?
11. What things can someone do to be a "good" friend?
12. Do you think it's okay for friendships to end?



HOMEWORK

1 EMAIL: WRITING EXERCISE

Study the situation below, then write a detailed answer on a separate piece of paper. Where relevant, use the new words, grammar, and information learned in class.

How's it going in London?

You moved to London three months ago. Write an email to your family back home. In the email, you are going to describe your experience in London, and you must include:

- Where you live.
- Describe the area you live in.
- Describe the people you live with.
- Describe your job.
- Describe your colleagues.
- Have you met any friends?
- Describe your new friends.
- Have you met anyone you don't like?
- Have you started any new hobbies?
- What do you miss about home?
- Are you ever going to return home?

