

Extra activity

After Exercise 4, pairs think of ways of describing relationships without using the actual word, e.g. *my aunt = my mum's sister*. Then they write sentences about their family, e.g. *My dad's youngest sister lives in the USA*. Students read out their sentences and the other pairs guess the correct word.

Further practice

Workbook page 2



A new start at Belmont Academy



0.1 HI, I'M SKYE!

Relationships; School; Present Simple; *Wh-* questions; Adverbs of frequency; Comparatives and superlatives

VOCABULARY

Relationships | School | Everyday technology | Holidays and travel | Means of transport | Opinion adjectives

GRAMMAR

Present Simple | *Wh-* questions | Adverbs of frequency | Comparatives and superlatives | Present Continuous | Past Simple | Present Perfect Simple with *for* and *since*

1 1.02 Read the text. What changes does Skye mention?

- her daily routine her friends her hobbies her home her school

Exercise 1 /

her friends, her home, her school

My name **is** Skye Winter-Fox and I **am** sixteen. After a year in Woodley Bridge with my gran, I now **live** in the city again with my parents. My parents usually **travel** abroad a lot for their jobs, but now they **work** in London. I **am** really happy to be home with my mum and dad again. I sometimes **stay** with my gran at weekends. Her home **is** really nice but quite small. At my parents' house, I **have** a big bedroom and so there **is** more space to hang out with my friends. I **love** taking photos of my classmates. When I **am** on my own, I also **like** writing songs. I **start** my new school, Belmont Academy, on Monday. My neighbour, Jay, **goes** to the same school. We **get on** really well. My friend Dan also **starts** there on Monday. Dan's going to Belmont Academy because his mum **wants** him to go to an international school. Dan **is not** worried at all, but I **am**. I **hope** my first day **goes** OK!

2 Read the text again. Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

- Skye's grandmother lives in a large city.
- Skye's parents no longer work abroad.
- Skye's grandmother always comes to visit at weekends.
- Skye likes writing songs with her friends.
- Jay lives near Skye.

3 Study the Vocabulary A box. Which of these people does Skye mention?

Vocabulary A Relationships

best friend classmate gran (grandmother) great-grandfather
half-brother neighbour parents relative stepfather uncle

Exercise 3 /

gran (grandmother), parents, classmates, neighbour

4 I KNOW! Work in pairs. How many relationship words can you add to the Vocabulary A box in three minutes? Compare your answers with another pair.

aunt, ...



Exercise 4 /

Possible answers: boyfriend, child, cousin, fiancé(e), girlfriend, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, husband, older brother, twin brother/sister, wife, younger sister

Exercise 9

Possible answers:

School subjects: Art, Biology, Chemistry, Geography, History, Maths

Places at school: corridor, gym, hall, library, playground, science lab, staff room

Types of assessment: homework, oral exam, written exam

Verbs: answer questions, do homework, pass/fail exams, study, work in pairs/groups

- 5 Study the Grammar A box. Find more examples of the Present Simple in the text.

Grammar A	Present Simple and <i>wh</i> - questions
Present Simple	
I live in the countryside.	She works abroad.
I don't like doing sports.	She doesn't take photos.
Do you live in London?	Yes, I do ./No, I don't .
Does she go to your school?	Yes, she does ./No, she doesn't .
Adverbs of frequency	
always, never, often, rarely, sometimes	
Wh- questions	
Where do you live ?	Why do you like your house?
When do you have breakfast?	What sports do you play ?
Who do you hang out with?	How often do you visit your gran?
Which school do you go to?	

- 9 **I KNOW!** Study the Vocabulary B box. How many words can you add in three minutes? Compare your answers with another pair.

Vocabulary B	School
School subjects	
Citizenship, Philosophy, Physics	
Places at school	
canteen, computer lab	
Types of assessment	
practical exam, project	
Verbs	
learn, revise, take exams	

- 10 Study the Grammar B box. Find examples of comparative and superlative forms in the dialogue.

Grammar B	Comparatives and superlatives
The classrooms are bigger .	
It's more exciting than a normal school.	
Sports lessons are better/worse than in my old school.	
The classrooms have the latest technology.	
The first day is the most difficult .	
It's the best/worst school in the area.	

- 11 Complete the sentences with the comparative or superlative form of the adjectives in brackets.

- Jay thinks Belmont Academy is **the friendliest** (friendly) school in the area.
- Skye is _____ (nervous) than Jay.
- Belmont is _____ (big) school in the area.
- The curriculum is _____ (interesting) than at Skye's old school.
- Languages are _____ (important) subjects at Belmont.
- Skye is _____ (happy) than she was before.
- Jay thinks Astronomy is _____ (good) than chess or football.

Exercise 6

- do you usually eat
- do you often see
- Do you have/Have you got
- Do you often visit
- Do you live

- 6 Complete the questions with the Present Simple form of the verbs in brackets. Write answers that are true for you.

- Where **do you relax** (you/relax) in the evenings?
- What _____ (you/usually/eat) for breakfast?
- Who _____ (you/often/see) at the weekend?
- _____ (you/have) many cousins?
- _____ (you/often/visit) your neighbours?
- _____ (you/live) in a city or a small town?

- 7 **1.03** Read and listen. What are the differences between Belmont Academy and Skye's old school?

Jay: Skye, you don't need a **prospectus** for Belmont Academy. Just ask me!

Skye: OK. Do you like it there, Jay?

Jay: It's great. I'm sure you'll love it too.

Skye: But I don't know what it's like at an international school. And it's **bigger than** my old school in Woodley Bridge.

Jay: Well, you hear lots of different languages every day because there are students from about forty countries. I think it's **the friendliest** school round here.

Skye: That's cool. And they don't have a **uniform!**

Jay: No, you can wear what you like. It's **more relaxed** than other schools.

Skye: That will be a nice change. The **curriculum** looks good too. I might try some different **after-school classes**.

Jay: You should come to the Astronomy class with me. It's **more interesting** than chess or football.

Skye: I might try that. And maybe Mandarin Chinese!

- 8 Look at the highlighted words. Check your understanding. Use a dictionary if necessary.

Exercise 7

Belmont Academy is an international school. It's bigger than her old school. There are students from different countries. Students don't wear a uniform. It's more relaxed than other schools.

Exercise 11

- more nervous
- the biggest
- more interesting
- the most important
- happier
- better

Extra activity

After Exercise 4, put students into groups of four. The first student makes a sentence in the Present Continuous, starting: *I'm ...* (e.g. *I'm sleeping.*). The student on the speaker's left mimes sleeping and then makes a new sentence for the next student to mime. Continue until all students have said and mimed two sentences each. Invite different students to say sentences for the rest of the class to mime.

Further practice

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0.2

HI, I'M JAY!

Present Continuous; Everyday technology

Exercise 1

Lives with: parents, brother and sister
Name of school: Belmont Academy
Favourite subjects: Physics, Chemistry and ICT
Interests: computers, his blog, science/Physics
Dream: to go to another planet (one day)

1 1.04 Read Jay's blog entry and complete the personal profile below.

Hi! My name's Jay and I'm from London. My family are originally from Jamaica. I live with my parents and my brother and sister. My brother's still at school, but my sister **s training** to be a web designer. I go to Belmont Academy and my favourite subjects are Physics, Chemistry and ICT. My neighbour, Skye, **is joining** the school this term. **I'm really looking forward** to hanging out with her more. When I'm not at school, I love spending time on my computer. Right now **I'm writing** my weekly blog. It's about science and I write about things I hear in the news and upload interesting pictures. I also love anything about Physics. At the moment **I'm reading** an e-book about Helen Sharman, the first British person in space. I'd love to go to another planet one day!

Name: Jay
 Lives with: _____
 Name of school: _____
 Favourite subjects: _____
 Interests: _____
 Dream: _____

- In pairs, cover the text and see how many other facts you can remember about Jay.
- Study the Grammar box. Find more examples of the Present Continuous in Jay's blog.

Grammar	Present Continuous
She's studying Art this year.	
I'm not looking forward to my exams.	
Are you reading a good book at the moment?	
Yes, I am /No, I'm not .	
Time words and phrases	
at the moment, now, right now, this month, this year, today	

4 Complete the short dialogues with the Present Continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- A: What **are** you **doing** (do) on the laptop?
 B: I _____ (look for) information about the Amazon for my Geography homework.
- A: Is that a German book you _____ (read)?
 B: Yes, I _____ (study) German literature at school this year.
- A: _____ you _____ (enjoy) the party?
 B: Yes, it's great! Everyone _____ (dance)! Come on, let's dance!

5 **WORD FRIENDS** Find phrases from the Word Friends box in Jay's blog.

Word Friends	
chat with friends	watch music videos
upload pictures	make a film/video
download songs	write a blog
text friends/parents	read an e-book
go online	

6 1.05 Complete the text with verbs from the Word Friends box. Listen and check.

My favourite subject is French. During the school year I use a course book to learn French and I do lots of grammar exercises. When I'm on holiday, I often ¹**go** online to watch short films in French. I also ²_____ with friends in French. I have two French friends and we often Skype. I sometimes ³_____ a film to send them – usually it's a film of me playing my guitar. I love music and my French friends always send me French songs to ⁴_____ or they recommend good music videos to ⁵_____.

7 In pairs, talk about your favourite subject at school. Say what you are learning about at the moment and why you like the subject.



My favourite subject is Chemistry. At the moment we're learning about chemical reactions. I like Chemistry because ...

Exercise 4

- B: am/'m looking for
- A: are/'re reading
 B: am/'m studying
- A: Are (you) enjoying
 B: is/'s dancing

Exercise 5

writing my weekly blog, upload interesting pictures, reading an e-book

Exercise 6

- chat
- make
- download
- watch

0.3 Hi, I'm Dan!

Extra activity

After Exercise 7, elicit different questions that students could ask using: *When was the last time you ... ?* Write their ideas on the board. Ask students to choose one of the ideas and to ask as many other students as possible their question. Invite students to share the most interesting answers they were given.

Further practice

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0.3 HI, I'M DAN!

Holidays and travel; Past Simple (regular and irregular verbs); Means of transport

- 1** **1.06** Study the Vocabulary box. Write the words in the correct categories. Listen and check.

B&B campsite city break coach
cruise ferry hiking sightseeing

Vocabulary Holidays and travel

Means of transport

canoe, plane, train

Types of holiday

activity camp, beach holiday

Accommodation

hostel, hotel

Activities

horse-riding, sunbathing

- 2** **I KNOW!** How many more words related to holidays and travel can you think of in one minute?

- 3** **1.07** Read the text about Dan. Who are the people in the picture with him? Name three facts about them.



My name's Dan Garcia and I'm half American and half Mexican. I came to England over a year ago with my mum. My brother stayed at home in the USA to study at university there. This is a picture of me, Alisha and Tommo. Alisha moved to Scotland because of her dad's job. I sometimes see Tommo, but we don't go to the same school anymore. My mum wanted me to speak more Spanish and there are lots of Spanish-speaking students at my new school, Belmont Academy. I didn't want to leave my old school at first, but now I'm quite excited. I'm not ready for school yet though! I only flew back from the USA yesterday. I spent the summer with my brother, Ed. We took the train down to Florida and we had a great time. Although he's annoying, I really miss him!

- 4** Study the Grammar box. Find more examples of the Past Simple in the text. Which verbs are regular and which are irregular?

Grammar Past Simple

Regular verbs

She started a new school. They didn't play any sports.

Did you enjoy your trip? Yes, I did./No, I didn't.

Irregular verbs

I met my friend.

He didn't go on holiday.

Did we forget anything? Yes, we did./No, we didn't.

Time expressions

earlier this morning, in 2001, last week, over a year ago, the day before yesterday, yesterday

- 5** Complete the sentences about Dan and his family with the Past Simple form of the verbs in brackets.

- Dan's brother didn't come (not come) to England because he's at an American university.
- Dan _____ (leave) his old school because his mum wants him to speak more Spanish.
- Dan _____ (not want) to change schools at first.
- Dan _____ (not spend) the summer in England.
- Dan and his brother _____ (go) to Florida.
- They _____ (travel) by train.
- They _____ (enjoy) their holiday together.

- 6** **1.08** **WORD FRIENDS** Study the Word Friends box. Choose the correct option in the questions below. Listen and check.

Word Friends

catch a train/a ferry/a bus **drive** a car **fly** a helicopter
ride a horse/a bicycle **sail** a yacht/a boat
take a bus/a train **travel** by bus/abroad

- When was the last time you took / rode a train?
- Do you know anyone who can fly / drive a helicopter?
- When did you learn to ride / drive a bike?
- Do you have to travel / catch a bus to get to school?
- Would you like to learn to drive / sail a boat?

- 7** In pairs, ask and answer the questions in Exercise 6.

- 8** In pairs, talk about an enjoyable trip or holiday you went on. Talk about where you went, how you travelled and what you did.



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Exercise 1

Means of transport:

coach, ferry

Types of holiday:

city break, cruise

Accommodation:

B&B, campsite

Activities: hiking, sightseeing

Exercise 2

Possible answers:

Means of transport:

bicycle, bus, car, motorbike, yacht

Types of holiday:

backpacking, sightseeing

Accommodation:

apartment, caravan, villa

Activities:

climbing, shopping, swimming, walking

Exercise 3

Possible answers:

Alisha: She's Dan's friend. She moved to Scotland. Her dad got a job there.

Tommo: He's Dan's friend. Dan sometimes sees him. He doesn't go to the same school as Dan.

0.4 Hi, I'm Nina!

Extra activity

After Exercise 4, ask students to write four true sentences about themselves using the Present Perfect Simple with *for* or *since*, e.g. *I have been at this school for four years*. Then, in groups of four, they take turns to read out one of their time expressions, e.g. *for four years*. The other students try to guess the rest of the sentence.

Further practice

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0.4 HI, I'M NINA!

Opinion adjectives; Present Perfect Simple; *for* and *since*

Exercise 1

- the UK
- London, Medellin
- Spanish, English
- Any eight of the following: all right, strange, different, awesome, big, noisy, new, summer, worried, American, British, English, funny, perfect

1 1.09 Read the text and find:

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 two countries Colombia, ... | 3 two languages |
| 2 two cities | 4 eight adjectives |

Hi! I'm Nina and I'm from Colombia. We moved to the UK this summer and **have been** here for about a month. London is all right, but it still feels strange. It's very different from Medellin, where I grew up. For a start, there are no mountains or cable cars. In Medellin we have some awesome views. They're both big, noisy cities, though.

I'll start a new school on Monday. I visited it last week, but there weren't any pupils there as it's the summer holidays now. I speak Spanish at home, but I learned English at school in Medellin. I'm worried about the language in the UK as American English is a bit different to British English. **I've had** an English tutor for two weeks and **I've also tried to** watch loads of English TV since I arrived. It's quite funny and **it has helped** a lot. My accent isn't perfect yet, but I think I'll be able to make friends easily.

Exercise 2

Possible answers: brilliant, great, horrible, superb, tremendous, useless, weird

2 **I KNOW!** Work in pairs. How many more adjectives can you add to the Vocabulary box in one minute?

Vocabulary Opinion adjectives

all right amazing awesome awful exciting funny lovely noisy perfect strange terrible unusual useful

3 Find the opposites of these words in the Vocabulary box.

- | | | | |
|------------|--------------|------------|---------|
| 1 amazing | awful | 5 common | u _____ |
| 2 terrible | a _____ | 6 horrible | l _____ |
| 3 serious | f _____ | 7 boring | e _____ |
| 4 quiet | n _____ | 8 normal | s _____ |

4 Study the Grammar box. Find more examples of the Present Perfect Simple in the text.

Grammar Present Perfect Simple

Affirmative

I **have lived** abroad.
I **have never lived** abroad.
My parents **have** just/already **arrived**.

Negative

I **haven't lived** in Europe. They **haven't arrived** yet.

Questions

Have you ever **lived** abroad? Yes, I **have**./No, I **haven't**.
Has she **arrived** yet? Yes, she **has**./No, she **hasn't**.

for and since

She's been in London **for** a month. (a period of time)
They've lived here **since** August. (a point in time)

Exercise 3

- awesome
- funny
- noisy
- unusual
- lovely
- exciting
- strange

Exercise 5

5 Complete the sentences with the Present Perfect Simple form of the verbs in brackets.

- We **haven't lived** (not live) here very long.
- The film _____ (not start/yet).
- Mum and Dad _____ (never/meet) my school friends.
- _____ you ever _____ (have) a pet dog?
- Oscar _____ (not eat) lunch today.
- Ella _____ (always/like) foreign languages.
- I _____ (not see) my grandparents since September.
- Amanda _____ (be) my best friend for years.

- hasn't started yet
- have never met
- Have (you ever) had
- hasn't eaten
- has always liked
- haven't seen
- has been

6 Write questions about Nina using the Present Perfect.

- how long / Nina / live / in London / ?
How long has Nina lived in London?
- why / Nina's parents / move / to the UK / ?
- Nina / see / her new school / yet / ?
- Nina / ever / be / to Spain / ?
- what lessons / she / have / with a tutor / ?
- TV programmes / help / Nina's English / ?

7 In pairs, ask and answer the questions in Exercise 6.

8 Complete the sentences so they are true for you.

- My family has lived here since ...
- I've been at this school for ...
- My best friend has never ...
- Our English teacher has just ...
- I've liked [band/singer] for ...

9 In pairs, ask and answer questions about your sentences in Exercise 8.



Exercise 6

- Why have Nina's parents moved to the UK?
- Has Nina seen her new school yet?
- Has Nina ever been to Spain?
- What lessons has she had with a tutor?
- Have TV programmes helped Nina's English?

Exercise 7

- She's lived in London for about a month.
- We don't know.
- Yes, she has./Yes, she visited it last week.
- We don't know.
- She's had English lessons.
- Yes, they have.

0.5 Character quiz

Extra activity

After Exercise 4, write on the board: *at the moment, usually, yet, last week*. Elicit which tense each word/phrase is used with (Present Continuous, Present Simple, Present Perfect Simple, Past Simple) and an example question for each. In pairs, students write their own questions for each tense. Invite pairs to ask other students their questions.

0.5 CHARACTER QUIZ

Exercise 1

Possible answers:
Jay, Dan, Tommo and Skye are in Skye's garden.
Tommo is handing some balls to Skye.
Tommo is explaining how to juggle.
The others are watching.
Have you learned how to juggle yet? = Dan
Yeah, I've just got the hang of it. = Tommo
See page 247 for audio script.



- 1 1.10 Look at the photo. Describe what is happening. Match the speech bubbles with the people in the photo. Listen and check.

Have you learned how to juggle yet?

Yeah, I've just got the hang of it.

- 2 1.10 Listen again. Answer the questions.

- Has Jay met Tommo and Dan before?
- Who has the longest journey to school?
- When do the friends plan to meet up with Tommo?
- Who has learned to juggle?
- Has Jay tried juggling before?
- Is Skye good at juggling?

Exercise 2

- No, he hasn't.
 - Dan
 - at weekends
 - Tommo
 - No, he hasn't.
 - No, she isn't
- See page 247 for audio script.

- 3 Look at the quiz. Choose the correct option.

The big character quiz

- Has the school term started *just* / *yet*?
- Has Skye *ever* / *never* lived in London before?
- Are Skye's parents *travel* / *travelling* abroad at the moment?
- What kind of things does Jay *post* / *posts* on his blog?
- Where *has* / *have* their friend Alisha moved to?
- Where did Dan and his brother *go* / *gone* this summer?
- Have Nina and her family moved to the UK *yet* / *just*?
- Why is Nina *watch* / *watching* lots of TV programmes?
- Whose sister *has never* / *already* left school?
- Who *has never* / *ever* met the other characters?
- Who *has just* / *ever* decided to try some new after-school classes?
- Who *was* / *were* at Belmont Academy last year?

Exercise 3

- ever
- travelling
- post
- has
- go
- yet
- watching
- already
- never
- just
- was

- 4 In groups, do the quiz in Exercise 3. Use the texts in Lessons 1-4 to help you. How much can you remember?

- 5 In pairs, write two similar questions about your partner. Hand the questions to your teacher and have a class quiz with two teams.

When did Eduardo move to Madrid?
What instrument does Leila play?



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Exercise 4

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 No, it hasn't. | 7 Yes, they have. |
| 2 Yes, she has. | 8 to improve her English |
| 3 No, they aren't. | 9 Jay's |
| 4 science facts, news and pictures | 10 Nina |
| 5 Scotland | 11 Skye |
| 6 Florida, USA | 12 Jay |