

# 1

# Stories

## TV, movies and games

**1** ☆ Complete the types of movies, TV shows or games with the missing vowels.

- 1 sports show S
- 2 mscl —
- 3 trv\_l shw —
- 4 ct\_n mvie —
- 5 dc\_mnt\_ry —
- 6 cm\_dy shw —
- 7 ms\_c shw —
- 8 sprts gm —
- 9 cnstr\_ctn gm —

**2** ☆ Write *M* (movie), *S* (TV show) or *G* (game) next to the words in exercise 1.

**3** ☆ Look at the screens and write the types of movie, show or game. Use the words in the box.

cartoon cooking show  
 role-playing game romantic movie  
 science-fiction movie talent show



romantic movie



**4** ☆☆ Complete the comments with the types of movie, show or game.

### What are you watching right now?

There's a great **1** *drama series* on Channel 7. It's all about a large school in Manhattan where the students decide to change the rules. *Megan*

Cool! We watch a lot of **2** *travels* because they're exciting and you never know what's going to happen until the end. *Jenna*

I'm watching The Avengers right now. It's a series of **3** *superhero movies* about a group of friends (Iron Man™, the Hulk™, Captain America™) who save the world. *Paddy*

Nice one Paddy! I love scary movies, so when I'm free, I watch **4** *horror movies*. *Jules*

My friends and I prefer playing games. There's a new **5** *action game* where you need to save a city from disaster. Right now, we're playing a **6** *strategy game* together – we have to catch some more snakes before we can go to the next level. *Chris*

I agree Chris! Games are exciting, but watching my favorite football team on a **7** *sports show* is cool too! *Zoë*

Do any of you guys watch **8** *talent shows*? The final of Star of the Show is on tonight and I'm sure that dance group are going to win. *Ellie*

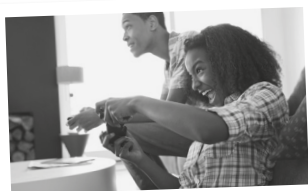
**5** ☆☆☆ Complete the sentences for you.

- 1 My favorite TV show is \_\_\_\_\_. It's a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 I think there are too many \_\_\_\_\_ on TV. I would like more \_\_\_\_\_ on TV.
- 3 I like watching \_\_\_\_\_ movies, but I don't like \_\_\_\_\_ movies.
- 4 I think playing video games is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

## Simple present

1 ☆ Complete the text with the simple present affirmative form of the verbs in parentheses.

Hi, I'm Lou and I 1 like (like) playing games. In my free time, I 2 \_\_\_\_\_ (try) new games for an online store and they 3 \_\_\_\_\_ (give) me free games. My brother 4 \_\_\_\_\_ (help) me with the role-playing games because he 5 \_\_\_\_\_ (love) them. My brother also 6 \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a lot of movies and 7 \_\_\_\_\_ (write) reviews on his blog.



2 ☆☆ Correct the information.

- My sister uploads videos on YouTube™. (Instagram™)  
My sister doesn't upload videos on YouTube. She uploads videos on Instagram.
- My school has a movie-making club. (a game-making club)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- We make documentaries in our English class. (cartoons)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- You listen to music on the radio. (your phone)  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Adverbs and expressions of frequency

3 ☆ Complete the table with the words in the box.

always five times a week four times a day  
hardly ever never often once a year  
sometimes three times a month  
twice a day usually

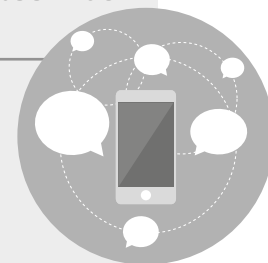
	General	Specific
Most frequent		four times a day
↓		
	Least frequent	never

4 ☆☆ Put the words in parentheses in the correct place in each sentence.



Many teenagers say they spend too much time on their smartphones.

- usually*
- They check their phones for messages when they wake up. (usually)
  - Many of them do their homework and use social media at the same time. (often)
  - A teenager's favorite activity is speaking on the phone. (hardly ever)
  - Girls write about their family on social media. (three times a week)
  - And even some babies use tablets and smartphones. (once a day)



5 ☆☆☆ Write complete questions with the simple present.

- How often / you and your friends / go to the movies?  
How often do you and your friends go to the movies?
- your grandma / use / a cell phone ?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- How often / you / watch TV ?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- you / make your own videos ?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- your friends / upload a lot of photos and videos on social media ?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- How often / your best friend / listen to music ?  
\_\_\_\_\_

6 ☆☆☆ Answer the questions in exercise 5 for you.

- We hardly ever go to the movies. We watch movies online.
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

### Phrases with prepositions: likes and dislikes

1 ☆ Write the phrases in the box in the correct group.

a big fan of    crazy about    fond of  
 interested in    not crazy about    not really a fan of  
 not really into    not very fond of  
 not very good at    not very interested in  
 quite good at    really into

😊 I like: I'm a big fan of ,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ .

😞 I don't like: I'm \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ .

👍 I can: I'm \_\_\_\_\_ .

👎 I can't: I'm \_\_\_\_\_ .

2 ☆☆ Complete the sentences with the prepositions in the box

about    at    in    into    of    on

- My sister's crazy about cartoons. She watches them on TV all the time.
- I'm not very interested \_\_\_\_\_ watching sports shows, but I love playing sports.
- My friends are quite good \_\_\_\_\_ making videos. They won a competition last year.
- My family aren't really fans \_\_\_\_\_ horror movies, so we usually watch something else.
- You're fond \_\_\_\_\_ rock music, but I prefer something quieter.
- I love romantic movies, but my brother isn't really \_\_\_\_\_ them, so we usually watch action movies.



3 ☆☆ Complete the sentences with one word.

### How much do you know about your favorite stars?

Emma Watson is really 1 fond of banana bread but hates uncomfortable clothes.



Sabrina Carpenter can't eat apples or peaches, but she's 2 crazy about Mexican food.

Taylor Swift is really 3 interested in her cats. She posts photos of them on Instagram.



Tennis player Novak Djokovic's 4 is in helping children. He even has his own charity.

Natalie Portman is very 5 good at languages. She can speak English, French, German, Spanish, Japanese and Hebrew.

Millie Bobby Brown (Eleven from *Stranger Things*) is a big 6 fan of Drake.



4 ☆☆☆ Write complete sentences.

- I / not / really / into / shop / for clothes  
I'm not really into shopping for clothes.
- My brother / very good / sing  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- We / interested / start a book club at school  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- My parents / crazy / old cars and motorcycles  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- You / not / fond / travel / to other countries  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- I / not really / fan / any football team  
 \_\_\_\_\_

5 ☆☆☆ Rewrite three of the sentences in exercise 4 so they are true for you.

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

### Simple present and present progressive


1 ☆ Complete the table with the verbs in the simple present and present progressive forms.

Verb	Simple present third person singular	Present progressive -ing form
1 play	plays	playing
2 make		
3 try		
4 study		
5 win		
6 go		
7 write		
8 listen		


2 ☆ Circle the correct option.

People say that teenagers **1 often spend/ are often spending** more time watching YouTube than TV. What about you?


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 I **2 love/'m loving** watching YouTubers – right now I **3 watch/'m watching** Jacob Sartorius. His YouTube channel **4 has/is having** millions of subscribers. ☆

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 My friends and I **5 aren't/aren't being** into YouTube or using the internet much. In our free time, we **6 usually go/are usually going** to the skate park. ☆

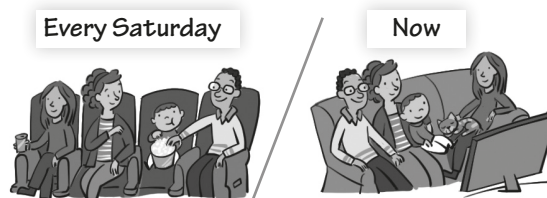
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 I **7 hardly ever watch/'m hardly ever watching** TV – YouTube is much better. Right now I **8 look/'m looking** at some of Annie LeBlanc's videos. She **9 uploads/'s uploading** new ones once a week. Look at this one! She **10 talks/'s talking** to the star of *Kim Possible*. ☆

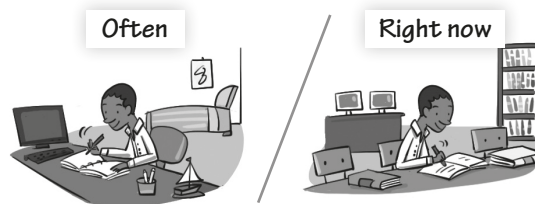
3 ☆☆ Write complete sentences in the simple present or present progressive.



1 She / play video games / play soccer  
*She usually plays video games, but today she's playing soccer.*



2 We / go to the movie theater / watch a movie on TV



3 I / do homework at home / do it in the library



4 My grandpa / buy newspaper / read it online

4 ☆☆☆ Answer the questions for you.

1 What do you usually do after school? What are you doing right now?

2 What does your best friend usually do after school? What is he/she doing now?



A blog

# Social Media for Book Lovers



This week we're looking at two social media sites for those of you who are crazy about books.

## Bookstagram

We all use Instagram to share cool photos of what we're doing now, right? Well, for people who are into books, there's Bookstagram (you can find it on Instagram). Alexandra started her blog, Twirling Pages, when she was just 16 and she uploads her photos to Instagram. Take a look at her profile to see what she's reading right now and where she's reading it. And Faroukh Naseem (theguywiththebook) creates content all about books including photos, book reviews and a blog.

**To get started:** use your phone to take pictures of your books. Then post your favorite to a bookstagram competition and wait for the 'likes'!

## BookTube

Among the millions of YouTube subscribers, there's a smaller group of book fans who use their own BookTube channels to share book reviews, recommendations and news. One of the most popular types of videos are 'haul' videos where the booktuber shows the books they bought on a recent trip to the bookstore. Booktuber Monica Kim has an 'unhauling' video on her channel where she talks about how she threw away 90% of her books.

**To get started:** look for a booktuber who shares your interests. And remember a Book Lion is someone who likes books, 'DNF' means 'did not finish', and a 'shelfie' is a selfie with your bookshelf!



## FUN FACTS

Someone who's into reading is called a 'bookworm'. If they're also crazy about collecting books, they're a 'bibliophile'. And if you enjoy smelling books, 'bibliosmia' describes the smell of a book!

### ► Subskill: Making and checking predictions

Before you read, look at any titles, headings or photos and think about what you're going to read about. Then read the complete text and check your ideas.

- 1** ☆ Look at the title, headings and photos. What are you going to read about? Put a (✓) or (X) next to the ideas.

- two social media sites
- some famous people
- people who are fans of books
- how to make cool videos

- 2** ☆☆ 1 Read and listen to the blog. Check your answers in exercise 1.

### **3** ☆☆☆ Answer the questions.

- 1 What can you learn about Alexandra on her bookstagram?
- 2 What things does Faroukh Naseem create?
- 3 What sort of camera do you need to start your own bookstagram?
- 4 What types of videos can you find on BookTube?
- 5 What's the difference between a 'haul' and an 'unhauling' video?
- 6 What is a 'shelfie'?

### **4** ☆☆☆ Answer the questions for you.

- 1 How often do you use Instagram and YouTube?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Are you interested in Bookstagram and BookTube? Why/Why not?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## A radio show


- 1 ☆ You're going to listen to a radio show. Read the sentences in exercise 4 and underline the key words.

### Subskill: Answering true/false questions

Read each question carefully before you listen. Think about what you're going to hear and also the information that you need to listen for.

- 2 ☆ Before you listen, which words do you think will complete the sentences?

- 1 Scott Marsham's interested in **becoming famous/making movies/writing stories**.
- 2 On the radio show he's talking about **writing competitions/his favorite stories/his friends' stories**.
- 3 He describes **less than three/three/more than three** different types of writing competitions.

- 3 ☆☆  2 Listen to the radio show and check your answers in exercise 2.

- 4 ☆☆☆ Listen again. Are the sentences *T* (true) or *F* (false)?

- 1 Scott Marsham's into writing horror stories. *F*  
*He says he isn't really interested in horror.*
- 2 Scott enters writing competitions once a month.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 You have to write less than 30 words for the Scottish Book Trust competition. *\_\_*  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Scott's local radio station often has really good prizes for their competitions. *\_\_*  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 A short story is often around 1,000 words. *\_\_*  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 There's a story competition where you have to send a text message. *\_\_*  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7 YouWriteOn.com is a website where you can buy short stories. *\_\_*  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 5 ☆☆☆ Listen again. Give reasons for your answers in exercise 4.

## Expressing preferences

- 1 ☆ Order the words to make useful expressions.

- 1 do / want / What / you / do / to ?  
*What do you want to do?*
- 2 rather / I'd / a / watch / movie / science-fiction  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 game / better / than / Playing / documentary / a / a / watching / sounds  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 going / the / a / idea / Maybe / to / better / movies / is  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 you / like / What / to / would / do ?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 rather / you / read / book / Would / a ?  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 2 ☆☆ Complete the conversation with the words in the box.

better more prefer rather ~~want~~ would

Do you 1 want to do something this afternoon?

Sure. What 2 \_\_\_\_\_ you like to do?

How about going to the skate park?

We always go there. I'd 3 \_\_\_\_\_ do something different.

What about going biking?

I'm not really in the mood for going out. It's cold. I'd 4 \_\_\_\_\_ to stay in.

You're right. Maybe watching a movie on TV is a 5 \_\_\_\_\_ idea.

I'm not sure. Playing a game sounds 6 \_\_\_\_\_ fun than watching another movie.

A review

1 ☆ Circle the correct words to complete the review.

**Stranger Things** ☆☆☆☆

I'm a huge fan of an American TV series called *Stranger Things*. It's science fiction with some horror 1 too/also.

It takes place in the fictional town of Hawkins, Indiana in the 1980s. In the first season, Will Byers disappears and everyone tries to find him, including a girl with special abilities. My favorite character is Will's mom because she's strong and she 2 **also/as well** never stops looking for her son.

I'm fond of this series because it's exciting and it's easy to watch 3 **as well/also**. There's action and of course the music's cool 4 **also/too**.

2 ☆☆☆ Read the review in exercise 1 again. Match information a–e to paragraphs 1–3.

- a the name of the show 1
- b what the show is about \_\_\_
- c what type of show it is \_\_\_
- d why the writer likes the show \_\_\_
- e the writer's favorite characters \_\_\_

3 ☆☆☆ Write a review of your favorite TV show, movie or game. Use the review in exercise 1 to help you.

Vocabulary review

TV, movies and games

1 Complete the table with the words in the box.

- action (x2) construction documentary  
drama series horror music  
sports (x2) strategy thriller

Show	Movie	Game
	action	action

2 Read the description and write the word or phrase.

- 1 This TV show is a competition. People dance, sing or act. talent show
- 2 In these movies, the actors sing and often dance. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 These movies are about people like Superman and Wonder Woman. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 People who like going on vacation watch this show. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 In this video game, each player needs to become a different character. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 This movie is about stories which happen in the future. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Children usually enjoy watching this show because the pictures are funny. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 This show is good for people who like cooking. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 This show is funny. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 People usually fall in love in this movie. \_\_\_\_\_

SUPER SKILLS



CREATIVITY

It can help to work together when we want to think of new ideas.

Match 1–5 to a–e to make some useful expressions.

- |                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Let's each think of       | a putting the girl there? |
| 2 OK, don't write yet,      | b one thing to include.   |
| 3 How can I                 | c thing to include?       |
| 4 What's the most important | d draw that?              |
| 5 Wait a minute. What about | e let's think first.      |

Phrases with prepositions

3 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

- 1 I'm not interested in social media.
- 2 My friends are really \_\_\_\_\_ photography.
- 3 My dad's mad \_\_\_\_\_ old cars.
- 4 My friends aren't very fond \_\_\_\_\_ playing basketball, but they watch it on TV.
- 5 You're good \_\_\_\_\_ math.
- 6 We aren't big fans \_\_\_\_\_ going to the movies because they never show good movies.

## Grammar review

### Simple present

**1** Complete the conversations with the simple present form of the verbs.

- Do you spend* (you / spend) a lot of time on your phone?  
No, *I don't* . I *spend* (I / not / spend) about two hours a day on it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (you and your friends / upload) a lot of photos onto social media sites?  
Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_ (we / upload) photos every day.
- What type of music \_\_\_\_\_ (your friends / be) into?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (they / be) crazy about rock music.

### Adverbs and expressions of frequency

**2** Rewrite the sentences with the words in the box.

always    hardly ever    often  
once a day    once a week

- My mom reads the news on her phone at breakfast every morning.  
*My mom always reads the news on her phone at breakfast.*
- My sister goes to her dance class on Mondays.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- I'm late for school about once a year.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- You go to the movie theater five times a month.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- My friends play strategy games every afternoon.  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Simple present and present progressive

**3** Correct one mistake in each of the sentences.

- Shh! Be quiet! Your grandma ~~sleeps~~. *is sleeping*
- Jack can't go out. He studies right now.
- We're writting stories in our English class now.
- I'm bored now. I'm wanting to play a video game.

## ROUND-UP

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Complete the text with the verbs in the correct simple present or present progressive form.



### Photos that tell stories

500 million people **1** use (use) Instagram every day. American teenagers **2** \_\_\_\_\_ (prefer) it to Facebook or Snapchat. Why **3** \_\_\_\_\_ (be) so many people now into uploading photos? Maybe because each photo **4** \_\_\_\_\_ (often/tell) its own story.

Look at the photo of these young people. What **5** \_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_ (do)? They **6** \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) at school. Why not? Why **7** \_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) there? One of the boys **8** \_\_\_\_\_ (not / wear) a coat. Some of them **9** \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) to each other. What **10** \_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_ (say)? **11** \_\_\_\_\_ the girl in white jacket \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to say something?

## 1 SELF-EVALUATION

Read the objectives for this unit. How well can you now do each one? Put a check (✓).



- |   |                          |                          |                          |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>1</b> I can describe TV shows, movies and games.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>2</b> I can say what I like and dislike.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>3</b> I can talk about the things I usually, sometimes or never do and the things I'm doing right now. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>4</b> I can ask and talk about preferences.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>5</b> I can write a review.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If you choose 😞, ask your teacher for extra help.