

GRAMMAR I & II

Present simple and continuous

Every day, she **texts** her friends.

Right now, I'm **writing** this message on my iPad.

Exercise A: Underline the correct tense.

1. I *talk/'m talking* on my mobile; can you open the door for me, please?
2. I *am always beginning/always begin* the day by checking my emails.
3. At the moment, I *'m learning/learn* to use PowerPoint.
4. *Do you use/Are you using* a lot of digital devices normally?

Exercise B: Complete these sentences using the verbs in brackets.

1. I always _____ (switch off) my mobile when I'm in class.
2. I _____ (switch off) the computer now.
3. They usually _____ (get up) early and immediately turn on their computers.
4. A Where are you? B I _____ (wait) for you outside the cinema!
5. She _____ (stay) in her friend's house for the summer.
6. If I don't know a word I _____ (just/ google) it.

Exercise C: Read the answers first and then write the questions using the prompts given.

1. talk on / your/ mobile
A: _____
B: No, I am not.
2. your brother / surf / Net / every afternoon
A: _____
B: No, he doesn't. He does his homework.
3. snow / in Paris
A: _____
B: Yes, everything's white.
4. why / study / Chinese
A: _____
B: I want to learn it, that's why

Past simple

I **bought** an amazing new eBook a month ago.

I **didn't carry** a single book with me!

Did you have your mobile with you yesterday?

Past continuous

While I **was writing** on the board, Nancy's mobile went off.

What **were you doing** when your best friend showed up?

We **weren't having** an interesting lesson yesterday until the teacher switched on the IWB.

Exercise D: Complete these sentences with the Past simple and continuous using the words in brackets.

1. Yesterday I _____ (take) my eBook to the beach.
2. I _____ (lie) on the beach reading an eBook, when my friend _____ (turn) up.
3. We _____ (download) songs from the Net when there _____ (be) a blackout.

4. It was a lovely day, the sun _____ (shine) so we _____ (decide) to go for a walk.
5. She _____ (watch) a soap opera while I _____ (do) the washing up. I was so angry.
6. My computer _____ (always break) down and so I _____ (waste) a lot of time.

Exercise E: Complete these sentences using the words in brackets.

1. We _____ (chat) online when mum _____ (tell) us to go to bed.
2. I _____ (watch) TV when the earthquake _____ (take) place.
What _____ (you/do)?
3. The sun _____ (shine) so we _____ (decide) to go for coffee.
4. Why _____ (you/run away) when the police officer _____ (arrive)? _____
_____ (try) to hide something?
5. I _____ (not steal) anything from the shop; I _____ (look) for a new laptop.