

1 Read what the Gowlands do every day and describe what they are doing now.

Mr Gowland works on his computer. Mrs Gowland chats with friends. Jamie and Liz play video games. Grandma posts comments on Facebook. Grandpa plays chess with his computer.

Mr Gowland is...

2 Ask questions and answer as in the example.

1 Jack is in front of his computer.
 chat with friends?
Is he chatting with friends?

 surf the net
No, he isn't. He's surfing the net.

2 Mary is using her mobile.
 talk with her sister?

 take a photo of her pet

3 Alex and Francis are using their MP4.
 listen to music?

 record an interview

4 We are at the cyber cafe.
 play video games?

 watch a video

3 Write sentences using Present simple and Present continuous. Use the chart.

		Usually	Now
1	Alistair	go dancing	study
2	Jeff and Joe	chat with friends in the Net	phone their friends
3	We	meet friends at the shopping centre	invite friends home
4	My cat	eat fish	drink milk
5	Maggie	borrow books from the library	rent a video
6	I	play video games	watch television

1 *Alistair usually goes dancing, but he is studying now.*

 2 _____
 3 _____
 4 _____
 5 _____
 6 _____

4 Write affirmative, negative or interrogative sentences. Use the Present simple or Present continuous.

1 My dog / eat / a bone / now (-)

 2 We / meet / at the Poetry Club / once a week (+)

 3 Alfred / usually / prepare / breakfast / for his family (?)

 4 I / do / this exercise / right now (+)

 5 You / eat / at the school canteen / every day (-)

5 Ask questions to complete the following dialogue.

- A: ¹ _____ your brother's _____ ?
 B: Matías.
 A: ² _____ ?
 B: He's friendly and nice, but a bit lazy.
 A: ³ _____ ?
 B: He is a student in year 1.
 A: ⁴ _____ to the Poetry Club?
 B: Yes, he goes on Mondays and Thursdays.
 A: ⁵ _____ now?
 B: He's sleeping.
 A: ⁶ _____ sleeping?
 B: On the sofa in the living room.

6 Rewrite the sentences using subject pronouns to replace the underlined phrases.

- 1 Henry is really funny.

 2 Peter and I chat in the evening.

 3 Mom does research in the net.

 4 Greta and Franca are kind girls.

 5 My dog is old and quiet.

7 Complete with object pronouns.

- 1 I can't find my glasses. Do you have _____ ?
 2 Albertina wants to talk to you. Why don't you phone _____ ?
 3 Please, give _____ that book. I need it.
 4 Send Peter an email to invite _____ to the meeting.
 5 How about dinner tonight? I want to see _____ .

8 Complete the sentences with subject pronouns or object pronouns.

- 1 Sandra is on the phone. _____ is talking to Maggie. Maggie is listening to _____ .
 2 Look at _____. Do _____ like my new coat?
 3 Send _____ a text message. We want to know the results.
 4 Jerry and Pat are dancing. Look at _____. _____ are great!
 5 Albert is a new student. _____ wants to contact _____. Why don't _____ send _____ an email?

9 Complete with *and, so, because* or *but*.

- 1 We love English lessons _____ they are fun.
 2 I love chatting with friends _____ I never chat with people I don't know.
 3 My friend Alice is nice _____ friendly.
 4 I have a new mobile _____ I can stay connected with friends.
 5 I can download music _____ videos in my computer.

Uses of computers and mobile phones

1 Fill in the blanks with words from the box.

chat do download listen play
post send speak stay connected

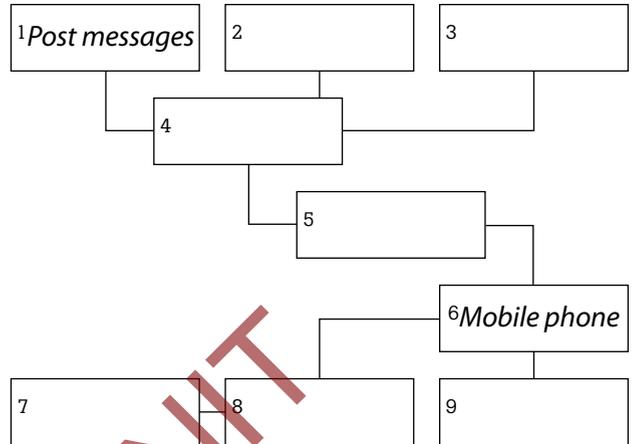
My favourite possession is my computer. I can ¹_____ with friends. I usually ²_____ on MSN or ³_____ on Skype. When we do homework, we can ⁴_____ research and ⁵_____ emails with the results to work in groups from home. When I'm not working, I ⁶_____ video games or ⁷_____ to music. I can ⁸_____ my favourite music! And I love Facebook. I can ⁹_____ photos and comments.

2 Fill in the blanks with adjectives of personality.

- They have a lot of friends because they're _____ people.
- My friend Lucy is always silent. She's very _____.
- My father is so _____! We always laugh at his jokes.
- My sister is a _____ girl. She never washes the dishes or makes the beds.
- Mrs Alvez is a _____ teacher. She always helps us to understand the exercises.

3 Complete the diagram with words from the box.

computer chat with friends
download music listen to music
MP3 Surf the net text friend



Adjectives of personality

1 Fill in the blanks with one word. Use one letter per space.

This is my ¹_____ Javier. ²_____ is very ³_____ because ⁴_____ always helps ⁵_____ with my homework. I'm ⁶_____ this photo in the net ⁷_____ it shows what he is like. In the photo he is ⁸_____ to music and sending a ⁹_____ with his mobile. He can do lots of things at the same time. He isn't ¹⁰_____. He likes working and helping others. Javier is fun ¹¹_____ he is never sad. ¹²_____ always invite ¹³_____ to our parties.

2 Write two things...

- you are doing now:

- you never do:

- you always do:

- you are doing at school this year:

- your best friend always does:

A new language?

> Read

1 Read the article and circle the correct option.

- Teenagers use text messages *because / so* they want to save money.
- Teenagers invent emoticons *or / and* pictograms *because / so* parents can't understand their messages.

Is texting changing our language?

Mobile-phone messages can take up to 140 bytes, which means about 160 characters, so teenagers are learning to save time and money by using a new way of writing.

We can receive messages that are a bit difficult to understand because ¹**they** include shortcuts like @ or acronyms such as *W8 4 me*, *ASAP* or *HAK*. But imagination is very powerful. We receive emoticons, like :-), or :-S, and pictograms, such as @(------ for a rose and ~(_8^() for Homer Simpson.

Sometimes, teenagers use acronyms because they want to tell their friends that parents are near. ²**They** can write *P911*, *MOS* or *PRW*.



Some adults think that this is the beginning of a new language or dialect, but others compare it to the invention of the Morse code. They say people play with language and technology, but the language is the same. Texting is not changing our language because each language has its own acronyms. ³**It** is just giving us the possibility to write in a different way.

2 Find abbreviations in the text meaning:

- 1 hugs and kisses _____
- 2 parents alert _____
- 3 mother over shoulder _____
- 4 parents are watching _____

3 What do the following words (in bold in the text) refer to?

- 1 They _____
- 2 They _____
- 3 It _____

> Write

4 Write a message to your friend. Tell him:

- You have a new computer.
- What you feel like.
- Why your mom / dad gave it to you.
- What you can do with it.
- Use texting language where possible.