

Read the e-mail from Kevin to his uncle.

Hi Uncle Dave,

I'm writing to you from New York. Jim and I arrived here two days ago. New York is an amazing city! There are so many museums, cafés, department stores and markets. There are people everywhere. We are staying in a small hotel near Central Park. I know many cities have got parks in them, but Central Park is enormous. It has got lakes, a zoo and beautiful gardens, and in the winter there are two ice rinks. I'm sending you a picture of Jim and me in Central Park. In the picture, we're riding horses.

We want to go to the top of the Empire State Building. There are great views of the city from the observation deck on the 86th floor. Once a year, there's a famous race up the Empire State Building. Over 100 participants run up a total of 1,576 steps. Do you want to try it?

Jim and I also want to go to Madame Tussauds Wax Museum because we can "hang out" with our favourite stars: Beyoncé, Leonardo DiCaprio and Johnny Depp. Jim wants me to take photos of him with Miley Cyrus. They've got an *American Idol* studio there, too, and I want to sing for Simon Cowell. He was my favourite judge on the popular US TV programme.

I'm having a great time. See you soon.

Kevin

1. Write questions with the words below about Kevin's visit. Use the Present Simple or Present Continuous. Then answer the questions.

- Kevin / visit / his uncle / right now
Is Kevin visiting his uncle right now?
- what / he / send / with his e-mail
What does he send with his e-mail?
- why / he / want / to go to the Empire State Building
Why does he want to go to the Empire State Building?
- how often / people / run / the race
How often do people run the race?
- what / people / do / in the famous race
What are people doing in the famous race?

1. No, he isn't. He is writing to his uncle from New York.

2. He is sending a picture of Jim and him with the email.

3. He wants to go to the Empire State Building because there are great views of the city from the observation deck.

4. The race takes place once a year.

5. The participants run up a total of 1,576 steps.

GRAMMAR

2. Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the Present Continuous.

- The football player **is running** (run) with the ball.
- The children **aren't watching** (not watch) TV right now. They **are taking** (take) a nap.
- Amanda **is waiting** (wait) in a queue with her friends at the moment.
- We **aren't having** (not have) a meal at the café. We **are drinking** (drink) lemonade.
- I **am not playing** (not play) computer games now. I **am writing** (write) an e-mail.
- Phil **isn't riding** (not ride) his bike to the supermarket right now.

3. Write questions with the words below. Use the Present Continuous.

- you / watch / TV / right now

- 1. Are you watching TV right now?
- what / Dan / do / at the moment
- 2. What is Dan doing at the moment?
- why / you / order / a pizza
- 3. Why are you ordering a pizza?
- it / rain / outside / now
- 4. Is it raining outside now?
- where / you and your father / go
- 5. Where are you and your father going?

3. Complete the answers with the verbs in brackets. Use the Present Continuous. Then match the answers to the questions in Exercise 3.

- ...4... a. No, it isn't. The sun *is shining* (shine).
...3... b. Because we **are having** (have) pizza for dinner.
.2. c. He **is taking** (take) a photo of our family.
1. d. No, I'm not. I **am practising** (practise) the piano at the moment
5... e. We **are walking** (walk) to the zoo now

5. Present Simple and Present Continuous

- 1. She **does** (do) ballet **three times a week**
- 2. I (read) **am reading** this amazing book **at the moment**!
- 3. I really **want** (want) an ice-cream. It's so hot today.
- 4. They **are waiting** (wait) for their Dad to take them to school.
- 5. Glyn **acts** (act) in a play at the National Theatre.
- 6. Glyn **goes** (go) to the theatre **every week**.
- 7. Slow down! You **are driving** (drive) too fast!
- 8. I (take) **take** public transport when I travel around Colombia. It's cheaper.
- 9. I **am going** (go) to hospital again **tonight**.
- 10. We **need** (need) to go dancing tonight to relax!

6. Fill the gap with one of the following personality adjectives.

lazy helpful generous mean jealous selfish funny greedy

1. He always wants to know where his girlfriend is going. He's a bit **jealous** I think.
2. Sheila didn't want to give me 50 cents for the bus this morning. She's so **mean**!
3. Can you be **helpful** and lift that box onto the table for me? Thanks.
4. Brian is quite **selfish**, always thinking of himself.
5. I collected money for an animal charity last week and so many **generous** people gave money. We raised nearly \$1000!
6. Tim, leave your sister's cake alone. You're so **greedy**!
7. My dad is very **funny**, always telling jokes and laughing.
8. Get up, it's nearly eleven o'clock you **lazy** boy!

Writing:

7. Imagine a picture in which people are doing different activities, explain in details the picture. Divide the text in paragraph and use the vocabulary and grammar learnt in this unit

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