

## 0.1 Hi, I'm Skye!

### 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

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## 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 isn't worried at all, but I am. I hope my first day goes OK!

### Exercise 2

- 1 F (She lives in Woodley Bridge.)
- 2 T
- 3 F (Skye sometimes stays with her gran at weekends.)
- 4 F (She likes writing songs when she's on her own.)
- 5 T

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

- 1 ☐ Skye's grandmother lives in a large city.
- 2 ☐ Skye's parents no longer work abroad.
- 3 ☐ Skye's grandmother always comes to visit at weekends.
- 4 ☐ Skye likes writing songs with her friends.
- 5 ☐ 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

## Exercise 6

- 2 do you usually eat
- 3 do you often see
- 4 Do you have/ Have you got
- 5 Do you often visit
- 6 Do you live

Grammar A Present Simple and *wh*- 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?

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

- 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.

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

- 1 Where **do you relax** (you/relax) in the evenings?
- 2 What \_\_\_\_\_ (you/usually/eat) for breakfast?
- 3 Who \_\_\_\_\_ (you/often/see) at the weekend?
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ (you/have) many cousins?
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ (you/often/visit) your neighbours?
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ (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.

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

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

## 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

- 2 more nervous
- 3 the biggest
- 4 more interesting
- 5 the most important
- 6 happier
- 7 better

## 0.2 Hi, I'm Jay!

### 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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HI, I'M JAY!

Present Continuous; Everyday technology

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

### 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)

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 is 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: \_\_\_\_\_

- 2 In pairs, cover the text and see how many other facts you can remember about Jay.  
 3 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.

- 1 A: What are you doing (do) on the laptop?  
 B: I \_\_\_\_\_ (look for) information about the Amazon for my Geography homework.  
 2 A: Is that a German book you \_\_\_\_\_ (read)?  
 B: Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_ (study) German literature at school this year.  
 3 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 <sup>1</sup>go online to watch short films in French. I also <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ with friends in French. I have two French friends and we often Skype. I sometimes <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ or they recommend good music videos to <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_.

### Exercise 4

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

### Exercise 5

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

### Exercise 6

- 2 chat  
 3 make  
 4 download  
 5 watch

- 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.

And YOU

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



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## 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

### Exercise 1

#### Means of transport:

coach, ferry

#### Types of holiday:

city break, cruise

#### Accommodation:

B&B, campsite

#### Activities:

hiking, sightseeing

- 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!

### 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

- 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

### Exercise 4

**Regular verbs:**  
stayed, moved, wanted, didn't want

**Irregular verbs:**  
came, flew, spent, took, had

- 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.

### Exercise 5

- left
- didn't want
- didn't spend
- went
- travelled
- enjoyed

- 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 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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## 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:

- two countries **Colombia, ...**
- two cities
- two languages
- eight adjectives

Hi! I'm Nina and I'm from Colombia. We moved to the UK this summer and **we've 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.

- amazing **awful**
- terrible **a**
- serious **f**
- quiet **n**
- common **u**
- horrible **l**
- boring **e**
- 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)

### 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.

### 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.

And YOU

### Exercise 3

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

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### 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.

### 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?

## 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.

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### 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                   |