

2 The work week

Present tenses • Passive • Free-time activities • Making small talk



Saving lives at sea

Answers and audio script

His favorite day is Saturday. The other days are not so good because he has to work. Friday is OK because he gets paid. On Sunday his head hurts, but he doesn't mind because he has had some fun the evening before.



Blue Monday, by Fats Domino

Blue Monday, how I hate Blue Monday

Got to work like a slave all day

Here come Tuesday, oh hard Tuesday

I'm so tired got no time to play

On Wednesday, work twelve hours, then

Go home, fall into bed at ten

'Cause Thursday is a hard working day

And Friday, I get my pay

Saturday morning, oh, Saturday morning

All my tiredness has gone away

Got my money and my honey

And I'm out on the town to play

Sunday morning my head is bad,

But it's worth it for the fun that I had

Sunday evening it's goodnight and amen

'Cause on Monday I start again

Answers

2. What does Terry do? He's a server.

What's he doing? He's serving coffee.

3. What does Dave do? He's a police officer.

What's he doing? He's talking on his radio.

4. What do Jenny and Mike do? They are farmers.

What are they doing? Jenny's feeding a lamb. Mike's driving a tractor.

Answers

1. Vicky's favorite day of the week is Monday because she only has two classes on Mondays.
2. Terry's favorite day of the week is Friday because his friends come into the restaurant and they have a great time.
3. Dave's favorite day of the week is Sunday because he spends the day on the beach.
4. Mike and Jenny's favorite day of the week is Wednesday because that is the day they get together with friends.

Answers and audio script

1. I don't live with my parents during the semester.
2. I'm having a very bad day today.
3. ... it doesn't feel like work at all. Time just flies by.
4. The restaurant's being redecorated right now.
5. I like my job because it's challenging, but I live for surfing.
6. The boards are made here in the U.S.
7. We never have a day off on the weekends or holidays.
8. Now we're harvesting, so we aren't getting any sleep at all.



Vicky

I go to a boarding school, so I don't live with my parents during the semester. Um ... what I like is being with my friends all the time. Whether we're working or just chatting, it's great to know there's always someone there. There's also a lot of freedom. I don't have to tell my parents where I'm going, who I'm going with, you know ... (Normally) Monday is my favorite day because I only have two classes on Mondays, but I'm having a very bad day today because I have homework from every one of my teachers, and I have to do it now!

Terry

I work in a restaurant in Miami. I have two days off a week, (usually) Monday and Wednesday, but my favorite day of the week is, in fact, Friday, even though I work that day. It's the best night because all my friends come into the restaurant, and we have a great time. There's a real buzz to the place, and it doesn't feel like work at all. Time just flies by. The restaurant's being redecorated right now, so everything's a little crazy.

Dave

I'm a police officer. I like my job because it's challenging, but I live for surfing. I go as (often) as I can. I'm opening two shops that sell surfboards in the next few months. The boards are made here in the U.S. Sunday is my favorite day of the week. I hardly ever work on Sundays. I get up as early as I can, and spend the day at the beach.

Jenny

Mike and I live on a beautiful farm in Missouri. I know we're very lucky, but it's hard work. We (never) have a day off on weekends or holidays, or any day of the year. We have to feed the animals and take care of the fields. Now we're harvesting, so we aren't getting any rest at all. But I suppose our favorite day is Wednesday because that's the day we (generally) get together with friends and prepare a wonderful meal.

Answers

I have two classes on Mondays. (Simple Present, used to express an action that happens regularly—a habit.)

I'm having a bad day today. (Present Continuous, used to express an action that is happening now or a situation that is true now.)

Answers

See underlining in **Q11** above.

Answers

I like my job.

I know we're very lucky.

The above verbs are in the simple form, even though they refer to a situation which is true now. This is because they are stative verbs (verbs which are not normally used in the continuous).

Answers

The five stative verbs are: love, understand, want, cost, need.

Answers

See circling in **Q11** above.

Answers and audio script



Dave Telford, police officer and surfer

(1) What's your background?

I'm 35, and I'm single. I live in Los Angeles, California. I'm a police officer. I've been in the police force for over ten years. I love my job, but my passion is surfing.

(2) What hours do you work?

I work different shifts. The morning shift starts at 5:00, and I can't stand that because I have to get up at 4:30. My favorite shift is 2:00 in the afternoon until midnight because I get home about 12:30. What's good is that I work ten hours a day for four days then have three days off.

(3) What do you think of your job?

My job is extremely busy and very hard. But I like it because it's challenging, and I never know what's going to happen. I like working in a team. We look after each other and work together.

(4) Why do you like surfing?

My work is very stressful, so I surf to get away from it all. It's just me and the sea, and my mind switches off. I concentrate so hard on what I'm doing that I don't think about anything else.

(5) How often do you go surfing?

I go surfing whenever I'm not working. Sometimes I'm on the beach before 7:00 in the morning. I go all over the world surfing. Next month I'm going to Costa Rica, and in the fall I'm going to Thailand.

(6) Do you have a business?

I have a surfing school. I teach all ages, from kids to seniors. The business is doing well. I'm also opening two shops that sell surfboards. The boards are made here in the U.S.

(7) What's your favorite day of the week?

I like Sundays best of all. I work as a lifeguard all day, then around 6:00 me and my friends barbecue some burgers and relax. Awesome! I've been all around the world, but when I look around me, I think there's nowhere else I'd rather be.

Answers and audio script



- A Where does he live?
B In Los Angeles, California.
- A Is he married?
B No, he is single.
- A Why doesn't he like the morning shift?
B Because he has to get up at 4:30.
- A How many hours a day does he work?
B Ten.
- A What does he like about his job?
B He likes it because it's challenging, and he likes working in a team.
- A What does he think about while he's surfing?
B He only thinks about surfing, nothing else.
- A Where's he going next month?
B Costa Rica.
- A Is his business doing well?
B Yes, it is. He's opening two shops.
- A What do he and his friends do on Sunday evenings?
B They eat burgers and relax.

Answers and audio script

Nate (d) — Chief Executive Officer Jenny (f) — Human Resources Manager

Alex (b) — Sales Director

Matthew (e) — IT Manager

Anna (c) — Accountant

Christina (a) — Simon's PA



The office

- A: Gosh! I don't know anybody! Can you help me? Who are all these people?
- B: Uh, well, that's Nate. He's sitting at the head of the table reading something.
- A: He's the one wearing a sweater, right?
- B: Yeah, that's him.
- A: And what does he do?
- B: He's the Chief Executive Officer. He's the man in charge.
- A: The boss, in other words.
- B: Uh-huh. He yells a lot, but he listens, too. Then there's Alex. He's wearing a suit. He's standing up talking to Anna. Alex is the sales director. He's charming. He always has something nice to say to everyone. Anna's standing next to him. She's drinking coffee. She's wearing a jacket and she has a scarf around her neck.
- A: And Anna is the ...?
- B: Anna's the Accountant. Money, money, money. Very bright, very quick.
- A: Oh, OK. And who's that talking on her phone?
- B: In the blue skirt? That's Jenny, the Human Resources Manager, HR Manager. She deals with all the personnel. She's a sweetheart. Everyone loves her. Then there's Matthew. He's the IT Manager. He's only working here for a few months. He's from our New York office. I don't really know him very well.
- A: He's the guy working on his laptop?
- B: That's him. Wearing a shirt, no tie. He knows everything about technology. And finally that's Christina talking to Nate. She's his PA. She ...
- A: Sorry. What was that?
- B: She's Nate's PA, Personal Assistant. She organizes his schedule, but she helps all of us, really. We couldn't cope without her. She runs the whole place, actually. She's the one in a black suit and cool earrings. Very sharp.
- A: Alright. I think I got all that ...

Answers

Alex is standing up talking to Anna. He's wearing a suit.

Anna's standing next to Alex. She's drinking coffee. She's wearing a jacket, and she has a scarf around her neck.

Jenny's talking on her phone. She's wearing a white blouse and blue skirt.

Matthew's working on his laptop. He's wearing a shirt, but no tie.

Christina's talking to Nate. She's wearing a black suit and cool earrings.

Answers

Alex is charming. He always has something nice to say to everyone.

Anna is very bright, very quick.

Jenny is a sweetheart. Everyone loves her.

Matthew knows everything about technology.

Christina runs the whole place.

See above for the full version of 

Answers

The CEO is responsible for running the whole company. Currently, he is discussing plans and targets with the Board.

The PA makes appointments and arrangements. Currently she is making bookings for a conference.

The Sales Director negotiates prices and contracts. Currently, he is visiting new customers in China.

The IT Manager runs an IT support team. Currently, he is buying new hardware.

The Accountant is in charge of budget and cash flow. Currently, she is preparing a financial report.

The HR Manager deals with employees. Currently, she is recruiting new staff.

Answers

1. I don't want an ice cream.
2. Do you understand what I'm saying?
3. ✓
4. I think you're really nice.
5. ✓
6. I don't believe you. You're telling lies.
7. I know you don't agree with me.
8. She has a lot of money.

* Students may have problems with the following sentences:

3. The fact that *enjoy* is an activity verb may seem strange to students, especially as *like* is a stative verb. Point out that *like* expresses an opinion (e.g., *I like learning English.*) whereas *enjoy* relates to experiences (e.g., *I'm enjoying my English class.*)
- 4./5. *Think* can be both a stative and an activity verb (stative verb for opinions—*I think he's a good boss.*; activity verb for thought processes—*I'm thinking about my vacation.*)
8. *Have* is a stative verb when it expresses possession; it can also be an activity verb (e.g., *I'm having a bad day.*)

Answers

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| 1. is involved | 5. earn |
| 2. are employed | 6. are given |
| 3. is paid | 7. spends |
| 4. pays | 8. owns |

Answers

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| 2. are made | 6. Is ... included |
| 3. is being serviced | 7. are being remodeled |
| 4. is imported | 8. are paid |
| 5. is situated | |

Answers and audio script

1. doctor, basketball player, lawyer, CEO, pilot
basketball player — \$1 million, pilot — \$65,000
2. \$180,000; \$200,000
lawyer, CEO
pilot
3. Doctors earn quite a lot. They have a lot of responsibility and training.
Basketball players earn ridiculous amounts of money.
CEOs are in charge of huge companies.
Pilots earn a lot. They need a lot of experience; they have people's lives in their hands.



Who earns how much?

Part 1

- A Well, I guess that doctors earn a lot.
- B Yeah, I think so, too. They have a lot of responsibility and a lot of training. I'd say that doctors get about ... \$180,000? What do you think?
- A Could be ... or it could be even more, \$200,000.
- B One of those two, anyway. Should we look at the high earners first?
- A Uh huh, \$750,000 ...
- B There's one higher ...
- A Oh, is there? Oh, yes. A million. Mmm.
- B I'd say ... that has to be the basketball player.
- A Yes, definitely. They do earn ridiculous amounts of money, don't they? So what about \$750,000? Who earns three quarters of a million?
- B Um ... I think that's the lawyer.
- A As much as that? What about the CEO? Do lawyers earn more than them?
- B Maybe, maybe not. I suppose the lawyer could be \$180,000, and the CEO \$750,000. CEOs are in charge of huge companies.
- A OK. Now ... the pilot. Pilots earn a lot, don't they? They need a lot of experience. They have people's lives in their hands ... I think they get ... oh, at least a hundred, a hundred fifty.
- B Mmm. I know what you mean, but I don't think they get that much.
- A Don't they? Oh! Anyway, there isn't 150 on this list, so ...
- B I guess pilots get about \$115,000 ...
- A OK. I'd say that's about right.

Answers and audio script

1. The nurse and the supermarket cashier.
2. The woman thinks \$50,000 or \$60,000. The man thinks \$30,000.
3. No, they don't. The man thinks the police officers get more than teachers and the woman thinks the opposite.
4. Both men and women can be nurses.

Part 2

- B: Let's go on down to the bottom. What's the lowest salary?
- A: \$20,000. I guess that's the supermarket cashier. They don't get paid much, cashiers.
- B: I thought they earned more than that, actually. I know they don't get much, but still...
- A: Then there's \$30,000, and the next up is \$50,000.
- B: Oh, look! Maybe nurses make about \$50,000?
- A: OK. That seems about right. What about farmers? How much do they get?
- B: I don't know. It depends what kind of farmer. They can earn a fortune, can't they?
- A: I suppose so, yes... But they're always complaining that supermarkets don't pay them enough for what they produce.
- B: I still think they get a decent salary. They own so much land! I bet they get 50 or 60 thousand.
- A: No, I think it's much lower. I'd say \$30,000.
- B: Hmm. Not so sure. Then we have... teachers. What do they earn?
- A: I guess they get... um... \$60,000?
- B: But it all depends how many years they've worked and how many qualifications they have.
- A: Yes, I know, but we're talking about the average.
- B: Don't teachers and police officers earn about the same?
- A: Do they? I'm not so sure. I'd say that police officers get more. What do we have? \$60,000... \$70,000.
- B: I think 60 for the police officer and 70 for the teacher.
- A: Well, actually I'd say the other way around. 70 for the police officer and 60 for the teacher. My mother's a teacher, and she doesn't earn anything like that!
- B: What does that leave? We haven't decided about the farmer or the nurse yet.
- A: I think the nurse gets less than the farmer. She gets the least.
- B: Why she? Nurses can be men, you know.
- A: True. Sorry. Nurses—men *and* women—earn less than farmers.
- B: Men *and* women?
- A: Absolutely.

Answers

I guess ... I bet ... I think ...

Answers

Agreeing: I think so, too ... Definitely ... Absolutely

Disagreeing: I know what you mean, but ...
I'm not so sure ... Actually ...

Answer

I'm not sure that you are completely right.

Answers

See SB p. 143.

Answers

1. She is more creative and productive early in the morning.
2. She tries to vary her daily routine.
3. It created stress-free time, creative time and it helps her to relax after work.
4. He thinks it improves his relationships with his customers because they are happy to get a hand-written note.
5. He irons his T-shirts every morning because he thinks a boss should look his best.
6. She takes a break on YouTube and listens to music.
7. He wears the same outfit every day and eats the same dinner.
8. He updates his journal by changing the color of different tasks.

Answers

annoying negative – getting a thank-you email

casual positive – the “jean and t-shirt” environment

creative positive – how Sally Krawcheck feels in the early morning

exhausted negative – how Liz Ryan feels if she only listens to stressed-out CEOs talk

grateful positive – how Dave Kerpen feels when he sends thank you cards

had an off day negative – how Joel Basgall might feel when something goes from green to red in his journal

in a good mood positive – how Dave Kerpen feels when he sends thank you cards

obsessed can be positive or negative – How Dr. Marla Gottschalk sometimes feels about getting more information about something that she is interested in

old-fashioned can be positive or negative – what Dave Kerpen thinks about writing thank you notes instead of emailing them

predictable can be positive or negative – Dr. Marla Gottschalk uses this to talk about a typical schedule

productive positive – how Sally Krawcheck feels in the early morning

relaxing positive – how Tania Burke feels about riding her bike home from work

stressed-out negative – how Liz Ryan describes some CEOs that she talks to

upset negative – how Dave Kerpen might feel if he didn't write thank you cards

Answers

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| a. camping | g. yoga |
| b. cooking | h. photography |
| c. DIY (do it yourself) | i. playing tennis |
| d. painting | j. playing an instrument |
| e. gardening | k. cycling |
| f. running/jogging | l. shopping |

- All the activities can be done alone or with friends. Some, e.g. cooking, painting, and yoga, can also be done as part of a group or class.
- Cooking, DIY, painting, gardening, yoga, and playing an instrument can be done at home. The activities that are usually done in a special place are camping, playing tennis, and shopping.
- For a lot of the activities, special clothes can be worn, but are not absolutely necessary, e.g. an apron to do cooking, stretchy clothes for yoga. Most of the activities need some sort of special equipment, except possibly yoga and shopping.

Answers

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| a drill — DIY | a recipe — cooking |
| planting — gardening | serving an ace — playing tennis |
| sales — shopping | a sleeping bag — camping |
| a racket — playing tennis | a screwdriver — DIY |
| a concert — playing an instrument | a bargain — shopping |
| zoom — photography | staying fit — running/jogging |
| sweating — running/jogging | meditating — yoga |
| wearing a helmet — cycling | a flashlight — camping |
| sketching — painting | weeding — gardening |

Answers

- equipment: an oven, a baking dish, a food processor (a bowl, a frying pan)
- food preparation: to mix, to chop, to weigh (to wash, to stir, to slice)
- ingredients: herbs and spices, olive oil, ground beef (fish, vegetables)
- ways of cooking: boiling, roasting, baking (steaming, grilling)

Answers and audio script

Favorite hobby: Cooking

Where and when he does it: At home (he cooks most days, but also enjoys eating out).

Clothes and equipment: Wears an apron (to keep his clothes clean — tomatoes and spices change the color of clothes). Very particular about his knives (German knives, very sharp). Also uses pots and pans, baking dishes, chopping boards, food mixers. Doesn't have a lot of gadgets.

What he likes about it: It's creative, and it's real (people have to eat every day). Also enjoys shopping, choosing what to cook.

The best part: Seeing people enjoy his food — seeing people happy at the table and enjoying the occasion.



John

My favorite hobby is cooking, and that's a thing you do at home, obviously. I cook most days, though not every day. We also like eating out. What clothes and equipment do I need? Well, I often wear an apron to protect my clothes, because you can make a mess when you're cooking, and tomatoes and spices change the color of your clothes forever! The most important piece of equipment is knives, and I'm very particular about my knives. They're German, and very sharp, and I really take care of them. Obviously in the kitchen you need all sorts of things like pots and pans and baking dishes and chopping boards and food mixers, but I don't really have a lot of gadgets. I like

to keep things simple. What I like about cooking is the fact that it's creative and it's real. We have to eat, and what we eat is really important, so I like to know that what I'm eating, and what my family is eating, is good. I actually like all the preparation. Going out shopping, seeing the food, feeling it, smelling it, talking to the people who are selling it, is half the fun. People often ask me what I like cooking, and I don't really have an answer. Whatever looks good, and whatever I feel like cooking that day. The best part is of course seeing people enjoy my food, but what's also very important to me is seeing everyone happy, and enjoying being at the table. It's about the occasion as much as the food.

Answers

For information added by Joaquim, see underlining in script (G1) (22) below. For comments used by Ann to show interest, see circled expressions in script (G1) (22) below.

Answers and audio script

(G1) (22)

A = Ann J = Joaquim

- A So what do you think of Chicago, Joaquim?
- J It's really interesting. Chicago's such a great city. There are some beautiful buildings, and the people are so friendly!
- A (Yes, they are.) When did you get here?
- J Two days ago. I took a flight from Miami. We were a bit late landing, but it didn't matter.
- A (Oh, good.) Where are you staying in Chicago?
- J At the Avenue Hotel. It's very convenient for the office. My room isn't very big, but it's OK.
- A (That's too bad! Don't worry.) Where are you from?
- J From Brazil. I was born in São Paulo, but I live in a suburb of Rio de Janeiro. It's very pretty, and it's not far from the sea.
- A (Really? It sounds beautiful.) Your English is very good. Where did you learn it?
- J That's very kind of you, but I know I make a lot of mistakes. I learned it in school for years, and I've been to the U.S. many times.
- A (Oh, have you? How interesting!) And what are you doing here in Chicago, Joaquim?
- J I'm attending a conference. I'm here for five days, and I'm going home on the 17th.
- A (Oh, so soon!) And have you managed to get around our city yet?
- J I haven't seen very much. I've been for a walk along the lakefront path and I've taken a boat tour from Navy Pier, but I haven't been to the John Hancock Observatory yet.
- A Well, I hope you enjoy it. Don't work too hard!
- J I'll try to enjoy myself! Bye. It was nice to talk to you.

Answers

1. It's a bit expensive.
2. It's quite hard.
3. It isn't very warm.
4. They aren't very friendly.
5. I don't earn very much.
6. There isn't very much to do.

Audio script



1. A: Who do you work for?
B: Siemens. I've been with them for four years. They're a good company. How about you?
2. A: Do you enjoy your job?
B: Yes, I do. It's quite hard, but it's very challenging. I don't earn very much. What about you? Do you like your job?
3. A: Where do you come from?
B: I was born in Michigan, and I've lived there all my life with my parents. I'd like to live abroad some time.
4. A: Have you been to New York?
B: No, I haven't, but I'd love to. I've heard it's one of the most amazing cities in the world. Have you been there?
5. A: What do you do when you're not working?
B: Well, I like horseback riding, and I play golf. And I love music, so I often go to concerts. Do you?
6. A: The weather's amazing right now, isn't it?
B: Yes, it's so mild. We haven't had any real cold weather at all! Have you heard a weather forecast for the weekend? It's supposed to be good, isn't it?
7. A: Are you going on vacation this year?
B: Yes, I'm going to Mexico with some friends. I haven't been there before, so I'm really looking forward to it. What about you?
8. A: This city's very exciting, isn't it?
B: Really? Do you think so? There isn't very much to do. I get so bored here. What do you find to do?
9. A: What's your favorite TV show?
B: I like soaps and documentaries. And game shows. And the news. I suppose I like everything. What about you?

Answers

1. Informal Great to hear from you again. (Beginning)
2. Formal I am writing in response to your posting on Careers.com for an IT consultant. (Beginning)
3. Formal Give my regards to Robert and the rest of the family. (Ending)
4. Informal I'm sorry I haven't been in touch for so long, but you know how it is. (Beginning)
5. Formal Thank you for your invoice of April 16th. Please find enclosed a check for the full amount. (Beginning)
6. Informal E-mail me soon. (Ending)
7. Formal We trust this arrangement meets with your satisfaction. (Ending)
8. Informal Just want to say thank you so much for hosting me last weekend. (Beginning)
9. Informal Take care. I can't wait to see you next week. (Ending)
10. Formal I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience. (Ending)

Answers

1. b, g 2. c, f 3. d, e 4. a, h

Answers

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. exchanging news | 3. an invitation |
| 2. a formal request | 4. saying thank you |