

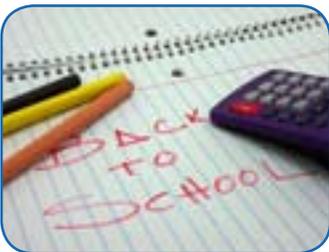
Lesson #1

# WORK & SOCIAL LIFE

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### College Student:

Hi! I'm Steve. As a freshman in college, I **take** many different classes. I **major** in English. My roommate **comes** from Boston, and we **like** our room in the dorm. He **is** a nice guy. We **spend** a lot of time studying, but we **enjoy** going out! Our friends **live** nearby in a big house. They **organize** a lot of parties. Life in college **is** fun!

### Journalist:

Hello! My name **is** Julie. I **am** a journalist. At work, I **write** stories for the newspaper. I **interview** celebrities and important people. I **ask** them questions relevant to the news. I **research** topics like the environment, politics, and culture. I **work** with a colleague named Anne. She **takes** pictures for the newspaper. She **is** the photographer on the team. We often **travel** together and **report** about many different topics.

### Artist:

Good afternoon! My name **is** Claudia and I **am** an artist. I **paint**, I **draw**, and sometimes I **sculpt**. I **give** art classes to high school students. They **love** to practice their talents, and they **draw** very well. One student **adores** real-life portraits and **asks** to sketch his friends often. As a teacher, I **support** them and **encourage** them to do their best.

### Doctor:

Greetings, my name **is** Walter Skipper. My patients **call** me "Doctor Skipper." I **see** patients in my office, and I **give** them medication when they **need** it. With a stethoscope, I **listen** to their lungs and I **check** their heart. Sometimes, I **visit** the hospital where my wife **works** (she **is** a nurse). People **say** we **make** a good team!



## NEW VOCABULARY

### Verbs

- To enjoy:** to like
- To major in:** to specialize in a subject at school
- To need:** to necessitate
- To report:** to talk / write about a specific topic
- To sculpt:** to create a shape with material (wood, metal, etc.)
- To sketch:** to draw quickly with a pencil
- To spend:** to use

### Expressions

- Hi: informal salutation
- Hello: standard salutation
- Greetings: formal salutation

### Nouns

- Dorm(itory):** housing for students
- Freshman:** first-year student
- Roommate:** someone with whom you live
- Stethoscope:** tool used by the doctor to hear inside the body
- Topic:** a subject

### Prepositions

- About:** shows the focus
- From:** shows the origin
- Many:** several, a lot of
- With:** shows the aid

### Adjectives

- Real-life:** image of the living
- Relevant:** interesting, important

### Adverbs

- Best:** top, ultimate
- Often:** many times
- Together:** with a person or a group

## Understanding the Text

### A. True or false?

- |                                  |      |       |
|----------------------------------|------|-------|
| 1) Steve hates his roommate.     | TRUE | FALSE |
| 2) Anne takes pictures.          | TRUE | FALSE |
| 3) Claudia paints pictures.      | TRUE | FALSE |
| 4) Dr. Skipper works as a nurse. | TRUE | FALSE |

### B. Open-ended questions

- 1) Where does Steve study? (He studies in college)
- 2) Does the work of Julie seem boring? (No, she travels and does many things)
- 3) Do you think Claudia enjoys her teaching job? (Yes, she likes her students)
- 4) Does Walter take his work seriously? (Yes, he is very engaged in his work)



## LESSON WORKSHEET

### What is the present tense?

A tense is a specific form of a verb that shows WHEN the action implied by the verb takes place. There are two tenses in English: the PRESENT and the PAST (note: WILL, which denotes the FUTURE, is not a tense by a MODAL). When a verb is at the present tense, it shows that the action implied by the verb is a) taking place NOW or b) is a valid and eternal truth.

Examples: I work today.  
The United States of America believes in free speech.

In English, conjugating regular verbs at the PRESENT tense is very easy. You associate the subject (I, you, we, you, they) and the verb (love, make, work, etc.) without making any change to the verb. Only the subjects he and she add an extra 's' to the verb.

Examples: I work today.	We work today.
You work today. (singular)	You work today. (plural)
He/she works today.	They work today.

## Exercises

### Choose the right verb

- 1) You (needs, need) a taxi.
- 2) I (love, loves) my parents.
- 3) She (make, makes) dinner.
- 4) They (play, pays) football.

### Build a sentence

Build a sentence

- 1) You / like / watching TV.
- 2) She / read / books for pleasure.
- 3) I / write / in my journal.
- 4) He / listen to / reggae music.

### What about you now?

Write a paragraph about yourself.  
Interview your classmate and present to the class what he or she does.



