

# 15 Daily routines

Collocations are groups of words that are often used together in English. You can use them to make your spoken English sound more natural.

⚙️ **New language** Collocations

Aa **Vocabulary** Routines and chores

🧑 **New skill** Talking about your day

## 15.1 KEY LANGUAGE COLLOCATIONS

Many household chores are described using collocations. Often the definite article ("the") is included.

COLLOCATION  
He **makes the bed** every morning.



English speakers would usually say "make" rather than "do" or "tidy" in this sentence.

"The" sounds more natural than "his" in this sentence.



## 15.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES COLLOCATIONS

She **mows the lawn** every week.



I **walk the dog** every day.



I **do the cooking** every evening.



They **do the laundry** every Sunday.



## 15.3 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO, THEN NUMBER THE PICTURES IN THE ORDER THEY ARE DESCRIBED

Tatiana is visiting her friend Laura and they are talking about household chores.



## 15.4 KEY LANGUAGE COLLOCATIONS IN DIFFERENT TENSES

Collocations can be used in different tenses by changing the form of the verb.

### PAST SIMPLE

He folded the towels this morning.



She did the dishes this afternoon.



### PRESENT CONTINUOUS

He's watering the plants now.



They're clearing the table after lunch.



### FUTURE WITH "WILL"

I'll sweep the floor this afternoon.



I'll load the dishwasher in a minute.



## 15.5 REWRITE THE NOTE, CORRECTING THE ERRORS

Hi Bill,  
The landlord is visiting tomorrow so please could you broom the floor, water the dishes, wet the plants, set the dishwasher, and cut the lawn?  
Thanks,  
Mandy

Hi Bill,  
The landlord is visiting tomorrow so please could you sweep the floor,



## 15.6 SAY THE SENTENCES OUT LOUD, FILLING IN THE GAPS

I'll clear the table later.

1 He's \_\_\_\_\_ the laundry now.

2 She \_\_\_\_\_ the plants every day.

3 Last night, they \_\_\_\_\_ the dog.

4 On Sunday, he'll \_\_\_\_\_ the lawn.

5 He \_\_\_\_\_ the dishes last night.

## 15.7 KEY LANGUAGE PRESENT SIMPLE AND PRESENT CONTINUOUS

The present simple describes routine actions. The present continuous describes actions that are occurring right now.

PRESENT SIMPLE (ROUTINE ACTION)

PRESENT CONTINUOUS (ACTION HAPPENING NOW)

I usually **cook** at home, but I'm **eating out** tonight.



## 15.8 CROSS OUT THE INCORRECT WORDS IN EACH SENTENCE

He usually **relaxes** / ~~is relaxing~~ at home in the evenings, but tonight ~~he plays~~ / **he's playing** tennis.

- ① I'm **doing** / **I do** the laundry on Tuesdays, but this Tuesday we had visitors so **I do** / I'm **doing** it today.
- ② He normally **goes out** / **is going out** for dinner, but **he's cooking** / **he cooks** at home tonight.
- ③ **I go** / I'm **going** to the gym every day after work, but today I'm **having** / **I have** coffee with a friend instead.
- ④ I'm **shopping** / **I shop** for clothes on my own today, but usually my friend **comes** / **is coming** with me.



## 15.9 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS



Maya visits her sister, Gita, to go shopping, but Gita is busy with chores.

Do Maya and Gita go shopping on Mondays?

Never ☐ Usually ☐ Always ☒

- ① When does Gita usually do her laundry?  
Weekends ☐ Fridays ☐ Tuesdays ☐
- ② When is Gita cleaning the house?  
Tuesday ☐ Now ☐ Tomorrow ☐
- ③ Is this Gita's normal routine?  
Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes ☐
- ④ What do Gita and Maya usually do after shopping?  
Go for a run ☐ Have lunch ☐ Go home ☐
- ⑤ Who usually sweeps her floor?  
Raj ☐ Maya ☐ Gita ☐





## 15.10 READ THE ARTICLE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS



What does Susie do every morning?

*Susie walks the dog every morning.*

1 What does Susie also usually do when cleaning?

2 Does she usually wear elegant clothes at home?

3 What is Susie doing at the moment?

4 Who normally helps Susie with the chores?

5 Why doesn't Susie like mowing the lawn?

### 15 CHECKLIST

⚙ Collocations ☐

Aa Routines and chores ☐

🧩 Talking about your day ☐