# **4A** Online dating

#### SPEAKING

1 Work in pairs. Discuss these questions.

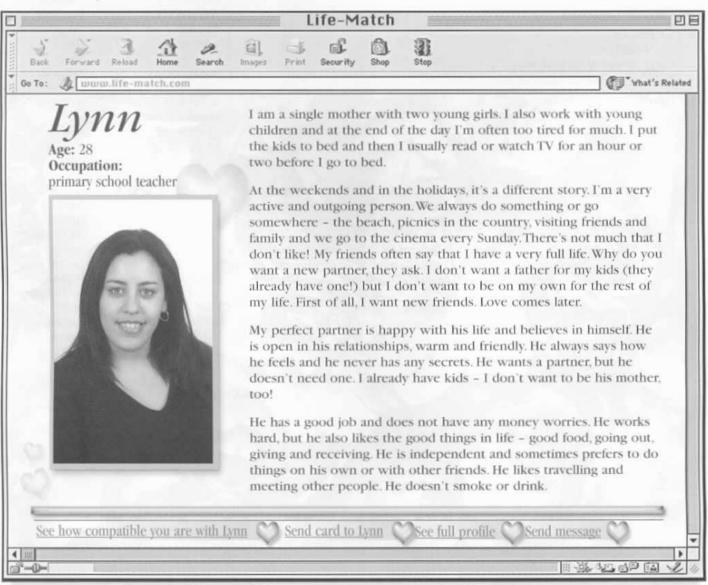
#### 6 MILLION DATES

America's biggest internet dating agency now has more than 6 million people who visit its website every month.

- Do you know anyone who uses the internet to make friends?
- Do you think that the internet is a good way to meet other people?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of internet dating?

#### READING

- Look at the advertisement from an internet dating agency and answer the questions.
- 1 How old is Lynn?
- 2 Does she have any children?
- 3 What is her job?
- 4 What does she do in her free time?
- 5 What adjectives does she use to describe her personality?
- 6 What adjectives does she use to describe her perfect partner?
- 7 What does her perfect partner enjoy doing?



- 2 Work in groups of three, A-C. You are going to read internet advertisements for three different men. Read the advertisement and tick (1) the sentences that are about your man.
  - A: Turn to page 128.
  - B: Turn to page 130.
  - C: Turn to page 132.
- 1 He does not have a job.
- 2 He does not like cities.
- 3 He enjoys going to restaurants.
- 4 He has a daughter.
- 5 He is a very active person.
- 6 He is not very rich.
- 7 He is often not at home.
- 8 He is quiet and friendly.
- 9 He likes being on his own.
- 10 He likes being with other people.
- 11 He loves music.
- 12 He wants a romantic partner.
- 13 He wants an intelligent partner.
- 14 He wants to have a family.
- 15 His perfect partner doesn't work too much.
- 3 Who is the best partner for Lynn? Read the information about your man again. Underline all his good and bad points.

In your group, compare the information about the different men and decide who is the best partner.

# GRAMMAR: present simple

We use the present simple to talk about habits and things that are generally/always true.

I usually watch TV before I go to bed. I already have kids.

Remember to add -s to the third person singular. He works hard and he likes the good things in life.

#### Frequency adverbs and phrases

We usually put words like often, sometimes, never before the main verb, or after the verb to be.

He never has any secrets.

I'm often too tired to do much.

We can put phrases like every day, once a week at the beginning or end of the sentence.

We go to the cinema every Sunday.

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- 1 Before choosing a partner, Lynn asked the men some questions. Rearrange the words to make her questions.
- friends do with what VOU VOHE ?
- being like do other people with you ?
- cities do friends have other you ?
- 4 away do from how much home spend time you?
- 5 daytime do in the do what you?
- 2 Look at the men's answers to Lynn's questions. Change I to he and make any other necessary changes.
- 1 I often invite friends for dinner or I go to their houses.
- 2 I like my friends but I don't enjoy big groups of people.
- Every year, I spend about two months away for work, so I don't travel in the holidays.
- 4 I get up late and then I sometimes see a friend for lunch.
- 3 Work in pairs. Ask and answer the questions in exercise 1.
- 4 Make the sentences true for you using words and phrases from the boxes.

always	once	a	day
usually	twice		week
often	three times		month
sometimes never	every		year

- I get up late in the morning.
- 2 I go for a walk in the afternoon.
- 3 I am tired in the evenings.
- 4 I have dinner in a restaurant.
- 5 I read before I go to bed.
- I visit friends at the weekend.
- Make questions from the sentences in exercise 4. Begin: How often do you ... ?

Work in pairs. Ask and answer the questions.

#### PRONUNCIATION: final -s

1 @ 1.34 Listen to the pronunciation of the final -s in these words. There are two ways of pronouncing the letter -s at the end of singular verbs and plural nouns.

goes 121 lives days friends /s/ likes wants books streets

- 2 9 1.34 Listen and repeat.
- 3 How do you pronounce the final -s in these words? knows learns maps spends talks writes facts parties problems questions states things
- 1.35 Listen to the recording to check.

# **4B** Wedding bells







# VOCABULARY & SPEAKING: weddings

1 Find these things in the pictures.

bouquet bride church groom priest ring wedding cake

2 Complete the description of English weddings with words from the box.

ceremony guests honeymoon reception registry office speech

The (1) \_\_\_\_ usually takes place in a church or (2) \_\_\_\_. After the ceremony, the couple and their (3) \_\_\_ go to the (4) \_\_\_\_, where they drink champagne and eat the wedding cake. Later on, at the wedding meal, the best friend of the groom makes a (5) \_\_\_\_. The married couple often leave the party early to go on their (6) \_\_\_\_.

- 3 9 1.36 Listen to the recording to check your answers.
- 4 Describe a wedding that you have been to. Use these questions to prepare what you are going to say.
- · Who got married?
- · Where and when were the ceremony and the reception?
- What did the bride and groom wear?
- \* Who did you go with?
- · How many guests were there? Who were they?
- · Was there any music at the wedding?
- · What did you eat and drink?
- · Did anyone make a speech? What did they say?
- Did anything interesting or unusual happen?

#### READING

- 1 Marriage is a thing of the past. Do you agree? Work in pairs. Explain why or why not.
- 2 Read the magazine article and find out if the writer agrees that marriage is a thing of the past.

#### COMMENT

# IF YOU ASK ME ...

#### Sue Carey disagrees with her university professor

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_ More and more people are living together and having children without getting married, she told us. The number of divorces is increasing all the time. It doesn't matter if you are single or married, she said with a smile of victory. 'The prison of marriage belongs to an older generation!'
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_ But now, twenty years later is marriage dead? You do not need to think about it for long: go to any newsagent and look at the magazines on sale. On the cover of every popular magazine like Hello! someone is getting married. Or maybe someone is getting divorced. The stories sell the magazines and in thousands of offices around the world, people are sitting around and looking at the wedding photos of the rich and famous.
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_ In the UK, people are waiting until they are older to get married, but the number of weddings is actually increasing. True, divorces are also going up, but people are getting married again, for a second, third or fourth time.
- (4) \_\_\_\_ In the year after university, I went to the weddings of four of my friends. My own (first) marriage was two years later. We want to read about marriage, look at films and photos, and do it ourselves. It appears that we can't get enough of it. Sorry professor, but the conclusion seems clear: marriage is very much alive and well.

- 3 Read the article again and put the sentences a-d in the gaps 1-4.
- a Marriage is certainly changing.
- b Marriage, said one of my professors at university, belongs to the past.
- She sounded sure of herself and we all agreed or, at least, nobody disagreed.
- The simple fact is that most of us believe that marriage is good for us.
- Work in pairs. Discuss these questions.
- Is marriage changing in your country? How?
- At what age do people usually get married?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of getting married?

# GRAMMAR: present continuous

We use the present continuous to talk about things that are happening now or around now.

What are you doing? I'm preparing my speech. More and more people are getting married. Why is the number of weddings increasing?

We cannot normally use some verbs (stative verbs) in the continuous form.

agree belong know like COST love matter need understand SEPTIT

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- 1 Complete the sentences. Put the verbs in brackets into the present continuous.
- 1 Hi. Yes. I'm on the train. We \_\_\_\_\_ (come) into Central Station.
- 2 Excuse me! I \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to work!
- 3 I \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) you the truth. I promise.
- 4 Let's stay here. It \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) outside.
  5 And three players \_\_\_\_\_ (speak) to the referee who (hold) up a red card.

Imagine a situation for each sentence. Who is speaking? Where are they?

- 2 Choose the correct verb form to complete the sentences.
- 1 The average UK wedding usually costs / is costing about £13,000.
- We can see the Princess now she wears / 's wearing a beautiful white dress.
- 3 Every time I get / am getting divorced, I keep the
- 4 Look! She doesn't wear / isn't wearing her wedding

- 5 More and more women in England keep / are keeping their own name when they get married.
- Do you ever talk / Are you ever talking to your husband?
- My girlfriend doesn't love / isn't loving me.
- 8 It doesn't matter / is not mattering if you're married
- 3 Look at the picture of a wedding reception on page 130. Prepare five questions with the present continuous about the picture.

How many people are dancing? What is the man with the white jacket doing?

Work in pairs. Close your books and ask your partner the questions you have prepared.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

- 1 Work in groups. Read about some wedding traditions in Britain and America and discuss these questions.
- Are they the same in your country?
- What wedding traditions do you have in your country?



**4c** At the movies

#### SPEAKING

- 1 Look at the photos from three films. What do you think is happening in each photo?
- Work in pairs. Choose one of the pictures and prepare a short dialogue (three or four lines long) to go with it.
- 3 Perform your dialogue in front of the class. The other students must decide which photo you have chosen.



#### LISTENING

- 1 sten to a woman talking about the film in the poster below. What kind of film is it?
- 2 sand 1.37 Listen to the recording again. Put the events in the correct order.
- Joe and Kathleen have an argument about business.
- Joe and Kathleen kiss.
- Joe finds out that Kathleen is his internet friend.
- ☐ Joe opens a huge bookstore near Kathleen's shop.
- ☐ Joe visits Kathleen.
- ☐ Kathleen meets a man in an internet chatroom.
- Kathleen's bookshop closes.
- Kathleen splits up with her boyfriend.

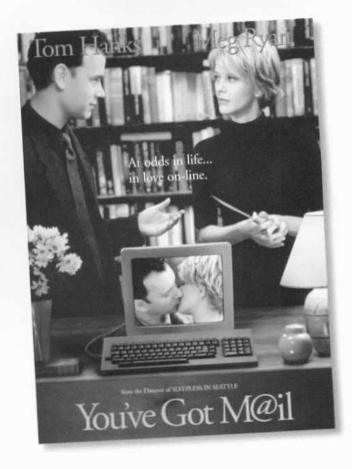
Look at tapescript 1.37 on page 136 to check your answers.

3 Explain the connection between the words in the box and the story of Joe and Kathleen.

café cold children flowers journalist park

Kathleen's going out with a journalist.

4 If you have seen this film, did you like it? If you have not seen this film, would you like to see it? Why or why not?



# VOCABULARY: relationship verbs

1 Complete the phrases in columns A and B with a word from the box.

	about (x2) in (x3) on out (x2) to	up	
2 3 4	He asked her and He was crazy her and They had a big argument something and They had a lot common and They went together for a long time but	b c d	she didn't want to get married him. she was love with him, too. then they split they went a date to the cinema.

- 2 Now complete the sentences in column A with a phrase from column B. Sometimes there is more than one possible answer.
- 3 Work in pairs. Use the expressions in exercise 1 to talk about people you know. My brother, Lewis, asked my best friend, Stephanie, out.

# FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE: telling stories

When we tell a story informally (for example, personal stories, or the story of a film), we often use the present simple.

She doesn't know his real name, but they seem to have a lot in common and they get on really well.

Work in groups of four: pair A and pair B.

Pair A: Turn to page 126. Pair B: Turn to page 131.

Read the story of the film twice and then close your books.

- Now practise telling your story together.
- 3 Swap partners and work with a student who read about a different film. Tell each other your stories.

# PRONUNCIATION: /1/ & /i:/

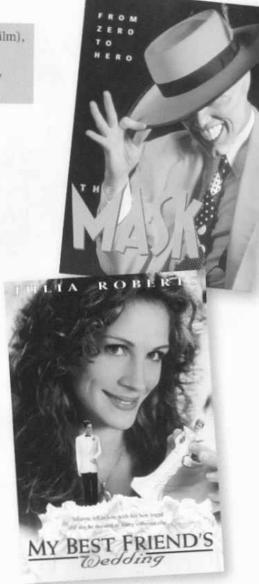
1 9 1.38 Listen to the recording and repeat the words in the table.

/1/	/i:/
live	leave
think	teeth
still	street
rich	feel
hit	meet

2 Underline the sounds /ı/ and /i:/ in the film titles below.

Beauty and the Beast The Big Sleep Mission Impossible Pretty Woman E.T. Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves The Prince of Egypt

3 S 1.39 Listen to the recording to check your answers.



# 4D Going out

#### SPEAKING

- 1 Work in pairs. Discuss these questions.
- Which famous person would you like to have a date with? Why?
- Where would you like to go?
- · What would you like to do on the date?

#### LISTENING

1 See 1.40-1.41 Listen to two conversations. Who is speaking to who? What are they talking about?



2	1.40-1.41 Listen to the conversations again an	d
	complete the sentences with Davina (D), Patrick (P)	),
	Stuart (S) or Ruby (R).	

		(S) or Ruby (R).
1	D	had dinner with Patrick at a restaurant. is having a dinner party on Saturday.
3		has a business dinner with an important client.
1		knows a nice restaurant near the river.
5		is busy in the morning.
5		wants to go to the pub.
7		would like to go out for a meal.
8		doesn't want to get a taxi.
9		needs to get home early.

# FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE: invitations & suggestions

- 1 In Listening exercise 1, which conversation was about:
- · someone inviting another person?
- · someone making suggestions?
- 2 Choose the correct verb form to complete the invitations and suggestions.

2 Sh. 3 Wi 4 Ho	ould you like go / to go / going all we go / to go / going ay don't we go / to go / going w about go / to go / going at about go / to go / going	to the cinema
6 Let	's go / to go / going	to the cinema.
espon	ses	
OK.	that's a good idea.	
Yes,	why not?	
I'd ra I'd lo	ther (+ infinitive) ther not. ve to, but I'm afraid I'm busy. s very kind of you, but	

Look at tapescripts 1.40–1.41 on page 136 to check your answers.

3 Complete the sentences. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form.

Marilyn:	Hi, Wolfgang, would you like (1) (go) out somewhere on Monday?
Mozart:	
Marilyn:	What a pity! Why don't we (2) (do) something on Tuesday, then?
Mozart:	All right. Let's (3) (do) that.  Where shall we (4) (go)?
Marilyn:	How about (5) (go) to a club?
Mozart:	
Marilyn:	Well, why don't we (6) (have) a meal at the Hard Rock Café?
Mozart:	
Marilyn:	OK. That's a good idea. Where shall we (7) (meet)?

- 4 Complete the dialogue in exercise 3 with the sentences a-c.
- a I'd rather not. I'm not too keen on clubbing.
- b I'd rather go for a pizza, if that's OK with you.
- That's very kind of you, Marilyn, I'd love to, but I'm afraid I'm busy on Monday.
- 5 Work in pairs. Practise the dialogue.

#### Roleplay

6 Imagine you are a famous person (alive or dead). Decide what you like doing when you go out for the evening.

Work in pairs. Try to make a date.

# GRAMMAR: prepositions of time

SEE LANGUAGE REFERENCE PAGE 45

month (in January) year (in 2004) in+ season (in the summer) the morning, the afternoon, the evening day(s) (on Monday, on Mondays) on+ dates (on 7th June) Monday morning, Tuesday evening time (at 3 o'clock, at dinner time) at+ night the weekend



1	Look at tapescripts 1.40-1.41 on page 136. Find more
	examples of prepositions of time: in, on and at.

2	Complete	the	enter	ices	with	in	on	or at	
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1	We met	Friday	February 14 <sup>th</sup> .	
2	I went to a r	arty	the evening and Michael w	i

- there.
- We spoke for ages and, \_\_\_\_ midnight, he finally asked for my phone number.
- 4 He called me \_\_\_\_ Saturday morning.
- We had our first date \_\_\_\_ the evening.
- 6 I saw him again \_\_\_\_ Monday and Wednesday.
- 7 I met his parents \_\_\_\_\_ the weekend.
- 8 I asked him to marry me \_\_\_\_ Sunday evening.
- 9 Our wedding is \_\_\_ March on the 14°!
- 3 Complete the sentences with in, on or at and a time expression.

In my country/town ...

- the most popular time to get married is ...
- 2 people usually have dinner ...
- 3 most people go on holiday ...
- 4 the best time to go shopping is ...
- the best programmes on TV are ...
- 6 the roads are really busy ...
- 4 Work in pairs. Compare your sentences.

#### SPEAKING

- 1 Work in groups. In the listening, Davina asks Patrick out on a date. What are the dating 'rules' for men and women in your country?
- Who usually asks who out the man or the woman?
- Who usually pays for the date?
- Where do people go on a first date?
- How long do people date before they get married?
- Are the 'rules' for dating changing in your country?

#### Useful language

It varies (= it's not always the same) It depends (on ...) On the whole, ... (= usually/generally)

2 What about you? Are you the same as most people in your country?

# 4 Language reference

#### GRAMMAR

#### Present simple

We use the present simple to talk about habits and things that are generally/always true.

I buy a newspaper every day. Mark comes from Australia.

We can also use the present simple to tell a story informally, for example, personal stories, or the story of a film.

She doesn't know his real name, but they seem to have a lot in common and they get on really well.

#### Affirmative & Negative work don't work works He/She/It in a bank. doesn't work work You/We/They don't work Question Where does he/she/it work? do you/we/they Short answer Do you work in a bank? Yes, I do. / No, I don't. Does she live at home? Yes, she does. / No, she doesn't.

The present simple with I/you/we/they has the same form as the infinitive. We usually add -s to the verb with the third person singular, (he, she and it). There are two groups of exceptions.

- 1 We add -es to verbs that end in -o, -s, -sh, -ch, -x. she watches he goes it finishes
- We change -y to -ies in verbs that end in -y. she studies he carries it flies

#### Frequency adverbs & phrases

We can use frequency expressions with the present simple to talk about how often something happens.

We usually put single words (never, rarely, sometimes, often, usually, generally, always) before the main verb.

He always wakes up late.

Do you usually get up early?

If the verb is to be, we put these words after the verb.

She is always tired.

They were never late.

We can put phrases (once a week, twice a month, every year) at the beginning or the end of the sentence.

He studies twice a week.

Twice a week, he goes to English classes.

#### Present continuous

We use the present continuous to talk about things that are happening now or around now.

What are you doing? I'm cooking a meal.

My husband's working very hard at the moment.



He/She/It You/We/They		'm 'm not			
		's isn't	eating.		
You/We	/They	're aren't			
Questio	n				
	am	1			
What	is	h	e/she/it	eating?	
	are	y	ou/we/they		
Short a	nswer				

We make the present continuous with is/are + infinitive + -ing. There are some spelling exceptions. See the notes on past continuous on page 24.

See page 54 for more information about the present continuous.

#### Stative verbs

We cannot normally use stative verbs in the continuous form. Here are some common stative verbs.

автее believe belong cost dislike appear fit forget know like love hate matter mean need own prefer remember understand

Yes, I agree with you. Not I'm agreeing with you.

I understand Italian. Not I'm understanding Italian.

### Prepositions of time

month (in January) year (in 2004)

in + season (in the summer) periods of time (in the 1990s, in the 20th century, in the holidays) the morning, the afternoon, the evening

day(s) (on Monday, on Mondays, on my birthday, on Christmas Day) dates (on 7th June, on Friday 13th) Monday morning, Tuesday evening

We use on Mondays (plural) to talk about Mondays in general something we do every Monday. We use on Monday (singular) to talk about either Mondays in general, or one particular Monday.

On Mondays/Monday, I usually go out with my best friend. On Monday, I'm seeing the doctor.

time (at 3 o'clock, at dinner time) at +the weekend holiday periods (at Easter, at Christmas)

We can make the time more approximate by putting an adverb between at and the time.

about, almost, around. two at just after, just before o'clock nearly

# FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE Invitations & suggestions

Would you like to + infinitive ... ? Shall we + infinitive ...? Let's + infinitive .... Why don't we + infinitive ... ? How about + verb + -ing ...? What about + verb + -ing ... ?

#### Responses

Yes, that's a good idea. Yes, why not?

I'd rather + infinitive ... I'd rather not. I'd love to, but I'm afraid I'm busy. That's very kind of you, but ...

When we say no to an invitation or suggestion, it is polite to give a reason.

#### WORD LIST

### Weddings

bouquet n C /burker/ bride n C /braid/ bridesmaid n C /braidzmeid/ ceremony n C \* /serəməni/ champagne n U /fæm'pem/ church n C \*\*\* /t[3:t]/ groom n C /gru:m/ guest n C \*\* /gest/ honeymoon n C /hanimu:n/ marriage n C/U \*\*\* /mærids/ priest n C " /pri:st/ reception n C \* /rr'sep[n/ registry office n C /red3istriofis/ ring n C \*\*\* /rm/ speech n C \*\*\* /spirt[/ wedding cake n C/U /wedm kerk/

# Relationships

ask (sb) out be crazy about (sb) have an argument about (sth) have (sth) in common go out with (sb) get married to (sb) be in love with (sb)

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split up go (out) on a date fall in love with (sb) partner n C \*\*\* divorce n C \* divorced adi \*

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### Other words & phrases

active adj \*\*\* agency n C \*\* arrange v \*\*\* average adj \*\* believe in sth v \*\*\* bookstore n C

boss n C \*\* business n C/U \*\*\* carry on  $\nu$ cigar n C cold n C "" conclusion n C \*\*\* cover n C \*\*\* dead adj \*\*\* disadvantage n C \* friendly adj "" generation n C \*\*\* intelligent adj \*\* jacket n C \*\* journalist n C \*\* kid n C \*\* kiss v \* magazine n C \*\* matter v \*\*\* newsagent n C

on my/her own

outgoing adj perfect adj \*\* personality n C \*\* prefer v \*\*\* princess n C prison n C \*\*\* professor n C \* promise v \*\*\* referee n C romantic adj secret adj/n C \*\* share p \*\* single mother n C smile n C/v \*\* unusual adj \*\* vegetarian adi/n C vice versa adv victory n C \*\* yoga n U

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