

Fatima

A. Reading

My name is Fatima. I am from Afghanistan. I live in Montreal, Canada. I am 43 years old. I have a husband and two daughters. My daughters are twins.

I own a tea shop. The tea shop is small but busy. I sell many types of tea. In the shop, I play music from Afghanistan. I teach my customers about my culture.

I love my life, but sometimes I miss Afghanistan. My shop reminds me of home.



Fatima cont.

B. Questions

1. What's her name?

2. Where is she from?

3. Where does she live?

4. How old is Fatima?

5. What does she do for work?

6. What does she sell?

7. What does she play in her shop?

8. What does she miss?

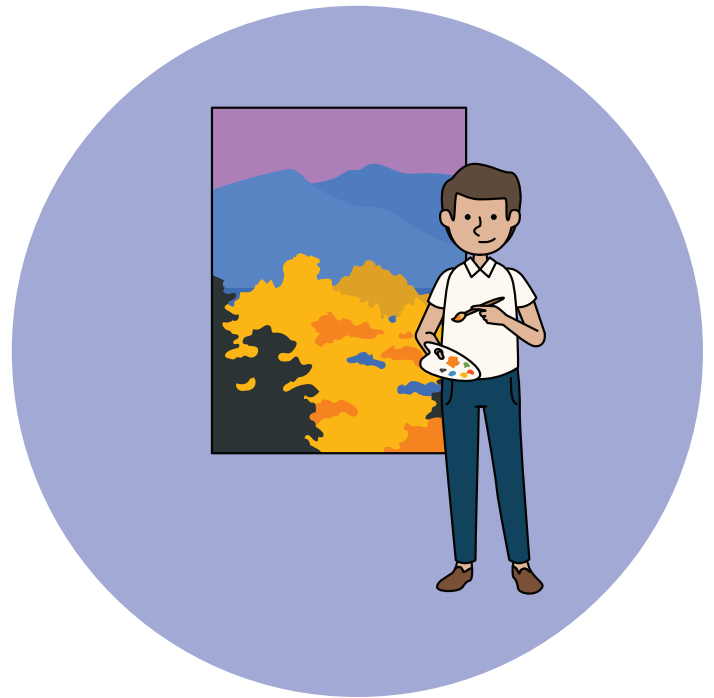
Juan Carlos

A. Reading

Juan Carlos is 34 years old. He is from Venezuela. He lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico. New Mexico is in the United States.

Juan Carlos likes to paint. He makes big paintings with bright colours. At the weekend, he sells his paintings at outdoor markets. On weekdays, he works in a restaurant. He is a manager.

Juan Carlos likes working in the restaurant, but he prefers painting. He wants to paint more and work less!



Juan Carlos cont.

B. Questions

1. How old is Juan Carlos?

2. Where is he from?

3. Where does he live?

4. Where is New Mexico?

5. What does Juan Carlos like to do?

6. What does he do at the weekend?

7. What does he do on weekdays?

8. What does he want?

Ilya

A. Reading

My uncle Ilya comes from Ukraine.
Now he lives with my family.
My dad is Ilya's brother. We all live in a flat in London.

Ilya doesn't have a job, but he has a medical degree. He wants to become a doctor in England.

During the day, Ilya looks for a job.
At night, he watches films with my parents. They love action films.
I am happy Uncle Ilya lives with us.



Ilya cont.

B. Questions

1. Where is Ilya from?

2. Who does Ilya live with?

3. What is Ilya's relationship to the writer?

4. Where does the writer live?

5. What is Ilya's job?

6. What does Ilya want?

7. What does Ilya do during the day?

8. What does he do at night?

Min

A. Reading

Min is 19 years old. She is from China. She studies business at the University of Sydney. She also takes English classes. The classes are difficult, but she likes them.

Min wants to be a CEO. She wants to own an international clothing brand. She loves fashion.

Min has many classmates. Her classmates are her friends. They come from all over the world. She also has a boyfriend. Her boyfriend is Australian.



Min cont.

B. Questions

1. How old is Min?

2. Where is she from?

3. What does Min study?

4. Where does she study?

5. How are Min's classes?

6. What does she want to own?

7. What does she love?

8. Where is Min's boyfriend from?

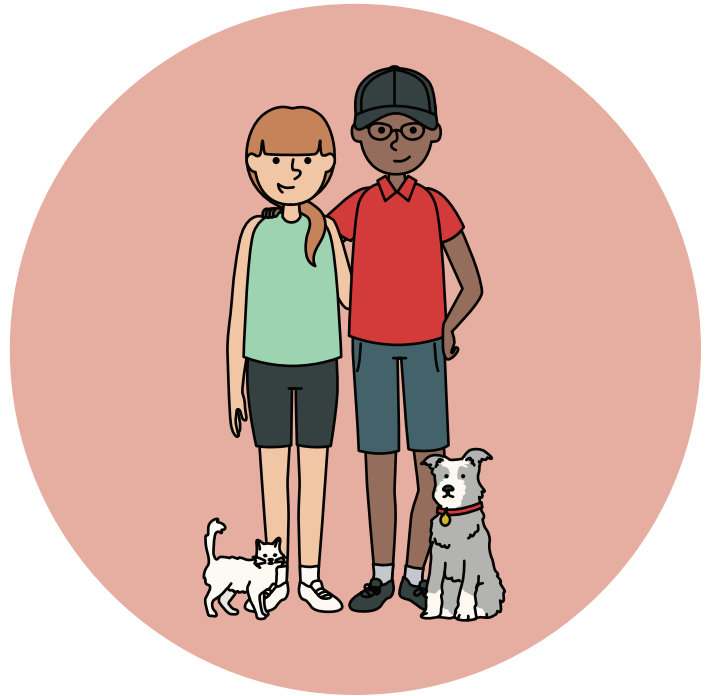
Remi

A. Reading

My name is Remi. I am from France, but I live in New York City.

My wife lives here too. She is American. She is a professional athlete. She runs marathons. We both like to do extreme sports. We also like to travel. We don't have any children, but we have a cat and a dog.

My family in France loves my wife. They visit us every summer. Sometimes we go to France too. When we go to France, we leave our pets with friends.



Remi cont.

B. Questions

1. Where is Remi from?

2. Where does he live?

3. Where does his wife live?

4. Where is his wife from?

5. What is his wife's job?

6. What do Remi and his wife like to do?

7. Where do they sometimes go?

About You

A. Questions

Answer the following questions.
Use verbs in the simple present tense.

1. What's your name?

2. Where are you from?

3. How old are you?

4. What do you like to do?

5. Do you have a job?

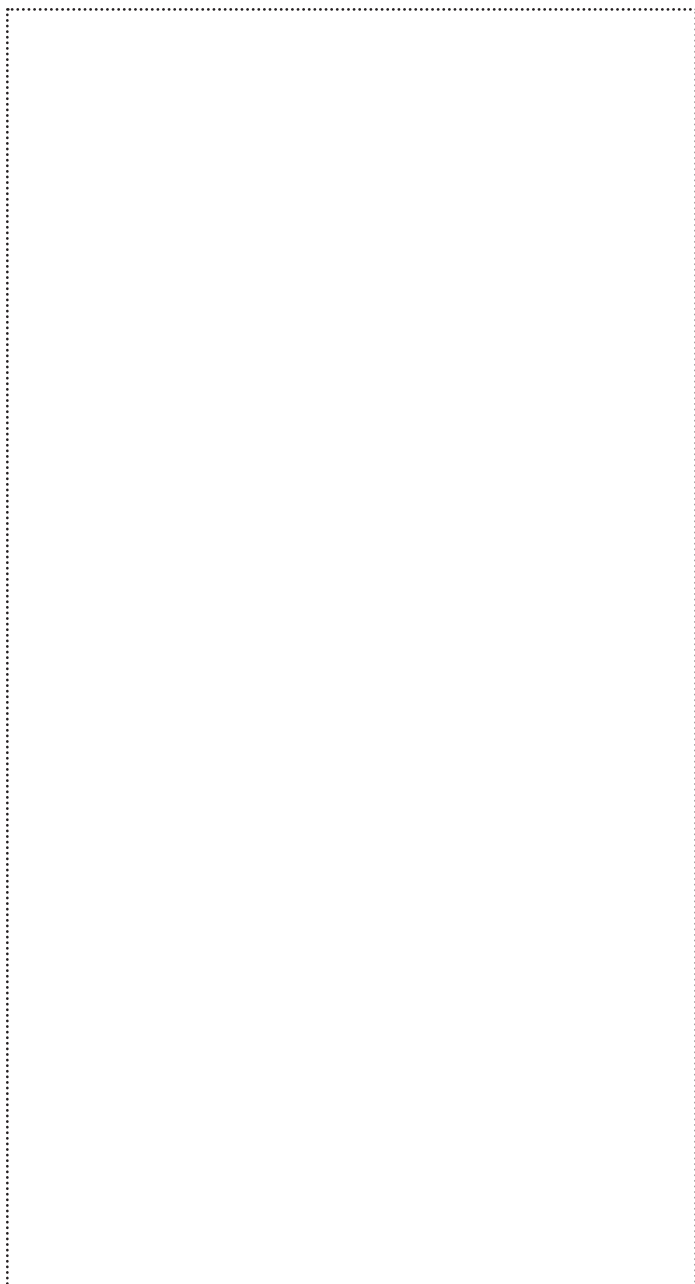
6. Do you live with your family?

7. Where do you live?

About You cont.

B. Drawing

Draw a picture of yourself in the box, or paste in a photograph.



C. Writing

Now use the questions and answers on page 11 to write a short paragraph about yourself.

Your Own Story

A. Drawing

Draw a picture in the box, or paste in a photograph.



B. Writing

Using the simple present, write a short paragraph about the picture in the box. Use your notebook if you don't have enough space below.

Your Own Story cont.

C. Questions

Write five questions about your paragraph.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

D. Answers

Give your story and questions to a classmate.

Have them read your story and answer your questions below.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Answer Key

LESSON DESCRIPTION:

In this lesson, students read five stories that use the simple present in context. They answer comprehension questions and write two paragraphs of their own using the simple present.

LEVEL: Beg

TIME: 1.5 – 2 hours

TAGS: verbs, verb tenses, simple present, present, family, jobs

Fatima

1. Her name is Fatima.
2. She is from Afghanistan.
3. She lives in Montreal, Canada.
4. Fatima is 43 years old.
5. She owns a tea shop.
6. She sells many types of tea.
7. She plays music from Afghanistan in her shop.
8. She misses Afghanistan.

Juan Carlos

1. Juan Carlos is 34 years old.
2. He is from Venezuela.
3. He lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico.
4. New Mexico is in the United States.
5. Juan Carlos likes to paint.
6. On the weekend, he sells his paintings at outdoor markets.
7. On weekdays, he works in a restaurant.
8. He wants to paint more and work less.

Ilya

1. Ilya is from Ukraine.
2. Ilya lives with the writer's family.
3. Ilya is the writer's uncle. / Ilya is the brother of the writer's father.
4. The writer lives in a flat in London.
5. Ilya doesn't have a job.
6. Ilya wants to become a doctor in England.
7. During the day, Ilya looks for a job.
8. At night, he watches films with the writer's parents.

Min

1. Min is 19 years old.
2. She is from China.
3. Min studies business and English.
4. She studies at the University of Sydney.
5. Her classes are difficult, but she likes them.
6. She wants to own an international clothing brand.
7. She loves fashion.
8. Her boyfriend is from Australia.

Remi

1. Remi is from France.
2. He lives in New York City.
3. His wife lives in New York City too.
4. His wife is from the United States.
5. His wife is a professional athlete.
6. They both like to do extreme sports and travel.
7. They sometimes go to France.

About You

Individual answers.

Your Own Story

Individual answers.