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Talking Technology in British English

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English

The programmer is typing an e-mail.
The woman is texting on her mobile phone.
The mother is phoning her daughter.
The daughter is answering the mobile phone.
The man is surfing the internet on the computer.

Vocabulary

English	Definition	Class
programmer	person who creates computer programs	noun
type	to write using a keyboard	verb
email	electronic mail; computer mail	noun
woman	female human adult	noun
text (verb)	to send someone a text message by cellular phone	verb
mobile phone	a wireless, cellular telephone	noun
mother	a woman who has given birth to a child	noun
phone	to telephone	verb
daughter	a female child	noun
answer	to respond	verb
man	adult human male	noun
surf	to look for things on the internet	verb
Internet	an electronic communication network	noun

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Vocabulary Sample Sentences

Software programmers are known for drinking lots of coffee and Mountain Dew.
He's in school studying computer engineering; he wants to be a programmer.
Use the keyboard to type your message, then press send.

Did you get my e-mail?
The scared woman is protecting her baby.
The winners of the contest were texted by the officials.
Text me when you get home.
I can't go anywhere without my mobile phone.
Mobile phones take the stress out of meeting someone in a new place.
How often do you talk to your mother?
The mother phones her daughter.
They have a very lovely daughter.
The secretary answers the office telephone.
The man disappeared into the shadows.
I surf the internet every night before bed.
I did some research on the Internet.

Grammar Points

The focus of this lesson is tense comparison in British English.
Present tense, Present Progressive tense, and Past tense

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In this lesson you'll learn the difference between the different tenses in the English language: present tense, present progressive tense, and past tense.

1. The programmer is typing an e-mail.

Tense	British English
present tense	The programmer types an e-mail.
present progressive tense	The programmer is typing an e-mail.
past tense	The programmer typed an e-mail.

2. The woman is texting on her mobile phone.

Tense	British English
present tense	The woman texts on her mobile phone.
present progressive tense	The woman is texting on her mobile phone.
past tense	The woman texted on her mobile phone.

3. The mother is phoning her daughter.

Tense	British English
present tense	The mother phones her daughter.
present progressive tense	The mother is phoning her daughter.
past tense	The mother phoned her daughter.

4. The daughter is answering the mobile phone.

Tense	British English
present tense	The daughter answers the mobile phone.
present progressive tense	The daughter is answering the mobile phone.
past tense	The daughter answered the mobile phone.

5. The man is surfing the internet on the computer.

Tense	British English
present tense	The man surfs the internet on the computer.
present progressive tense	The man is surfing the internet on the computer.
past tense	The man surfed the internet on the computer.

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