

Present Simple adverbs of frequency personalised sentence completion game

On your own, fill in at least half of the gaps below to make some true sentences about yourself like “I always clean my teeth in the morning”.

- I always _____ in the morning
- I never _____ at the weekend
- I _____ once or twice a week
- I _____ two or three times a year
- I sometimes _____ with my brother or sister
- My father often _____
- I hardly ever _____ on Mondays
- I _____ at least twice a day
- I _____ once every two or three days
- I almost always _____, but occasionally I forget
- I _____ more than 3 times a day.
- My mother almost never _____, but I want her to more often.
- I _____ too often
- I often _____ in the shower
- I often _____, but my parents don't like it
- My brother/ sister sometimes _____ and it annoys me.
- I almost always _____ when I see a mirror
- I hardly ever _____, because it is too expensive

In pairs, read your partner only the part you have written of one of the sentences above, e.g. “wash my hair”. Do not say the other parts of the sentence. Your partner will try to guess which sentence it comes from, like this:

- Student A: “I think you wash your hair two or three times a year”
- Student B: “Are you joking?”/ “Of course not, try again”
- Student A: “Maybe you always wash your hair in the morning”
- Student B: “No, not so often”
- Student A “Okay, that's easy then. You wash your hair once every two or three days”
- Student B “Almost right!”/ “Getting closer”
- Student A “Then it must be- you wash your hair once or twice a week”
- Student B “That's right! Now it's my turn to guess your sentence”

Continue guessing sentences until your teacher asks you to stop.

Ask about any sentences which you couldn't complete, etc.

Grammar Presentation 1 – Frequency expressions

The adverbs of frequency below are arranged from most frequent at the top to least frequent at the bottom. Fill in the gaps with adverbs of frequency from above.

Always

Usually

Often

Sometimes

Occasionally/ rarely/ _____

Do the same with these expressions of frequency:

three times a day.

twice a day

once every two or three days

once or twice a week

two or three times a year

Why do we say “once a week” but “once every two days”?

Grammar Presentation 2 – Third Person ‘s’

Which three sentences above could these words come from?

cooks spaghetti

plays golf

jokes about my boyfriend

Why can't they go in the other sentences?

Write five more true Present Simple sentences with adverbs of frequency etc, e.g. “I brush my hair at least 10 times a day/ very often”

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

Similar to the game on Page One above, read out only the frequency expression you have used and see if your partner can guess the whole sentence.