

At The Red Lion Pub



1. It's Saturday evening. Read the text below and answer the following questions:

It's Saturday evening and Alba is spending the weekend in London with Jack.

Jack and Alba are at Jack's local pub. The pub is called *The Red Lion*. Jack often goes to *The Red Lion* pub. He goes once or twice a week.

Jack and Alba are sitting at a table and reading the pub menu. It is half past seven in the evening and they are very hungry.

Jack knows what he wants to eat. He always orders the same thing, a hamburger with chips. Alba doesn't know what she wants to eat. She rarely eats in pubs. Jack is helping her choose.



Alba: Jack, I don't know what to order! What do you recommend?

Jack: Hmm... I love the hamburgers here. I always order a hamburger and chips when I come here.

Alba: I don't eat burgers Jack, I'm vegetarian.

Jack: Ok, how about pasta?

Alba: Mmm... maybe... but I had pasta yesterday. What else do you recommend?

Jack: How about fish and chips?

Alba: Mmm... I can't decide! Should I get fish and chips or pasta?

Waiter: Good evening, can I take your order?

1. How long is Alba staying in London? **The weekend**
2. Is The Red Lion pub next to Jack or Alba's house? **Jack's.**
3. How often does Jack eat at The Red Lion? **Once or twice a week.**
4. How often does Alba eat in pubs? **Rarely.**
5. What does Jack order when he goes to The Red Lion? **Hamburger and chips**
6. What does Jack recommend to Alba? **Hamburger, pasta and fish and chips.**



2. Work with a partner and order food and drinks for Jack and Alba using the common phrases and menu on the following page:

Waiter	Guest
<p>Are you ready to order? Can I take your order? No problem. I'll come back in a few minutes. Today's special is (fish). I recommend the (fish). The soup of the day is (tomato). Would you like an appetizer? Would you like anything to drink? Would you like a dessert? Let me repeat your order.</p>	<p>We need a few more minutes before we order. Yes, we're ready to order. What is the soup of the day? What do you recommend? I would like (a salad).</p>



The Red Lion Pub Menu

Appetizers

Soup of the day	£5.00
Cheese platter	£6.00

Main Courses

Hamburger and chips	£12.00
Fish and chips	£13.00
Pasta with cheese sauce	£10.00

Side orders

Side salad	£5.00
Chips	£4.50
Ketchup	£1.00
Mayonnaise	£1.00

Desserts

Ice cream (vanilla, chocolate or strawberry)	£3.00
Slice of chocolate cake	£3.50
Slice of apple pie	£3.50

Drinks

Bottle of wine (red or white)	£15.00
Beer	£5.00
Water (still or sparkling)	£3.00

Present Simple vs. Present Continuous

Present Simple: he/she/it = verb + s

- Facts, General Truths, Permanent Situations

Use the present simple to talk about things which are more or less permanent.

The sky is blue. (fact)

People eat late in Spain. (General Truth)

Jack lives in London. (Permanent)

- Habits/Routines/Hobbies

Use the present simple to talk about actions which happen repeatedly.

Jane *usually* plays tennis every Thursday.

Adverbs of frequency:

100% Always, 90% Usually, 70% Often, 50% Sometimes, 40% Occasionally, 10% rarely, 0% never

Present Continuous : BE (am/is/are) + verbing

- Things happening now (in this moment)

I am learning about English grammar. (now)

- Temporary

Peter and Paul are living in Shanghai for 3 months. (temporary)

NOTE: Stative verbs for example: be, like, know, have etc. usually take present simple form.

I know the answer.

~~I am knowing the answer.~~

I like fish and chips.

~~I am not liking fish and chips.~~



3. Read the sentences below. Mark them as *present simple* or *Present Continuous*. Also, add context: *fact, a general truth, a permanent situation, routine, something happening now or a temporary situation?*

	PS	PC	Context
1. Jack lives in London.	X		Permanent
2. The waiter is taking an order.		X	Something happening now
3. Jack goes to The Red Lion Pub once or twice a week.	X		Routine
4. Jack and Alba are sitting at a table and reading the menu.		X	Something happening now
5. Jack always orders the same thing.	X		Routine
6. Alba rarely eats in pubs.	X		Routine
7. Alba is a vegetarian.		X	General truth
9. London is the capital city of England.	X		Fact
10. Pubs are very popular in England.	X		General truth
11. Alba is Spanish.	X		Fact
12. The Red Lion Pub is 50 years old.	X		Fact
13. The bartender is pouring a beer.		X	Something happening now
14. Alba is spending the weekend in London.		X	temporary



4. Jack and Alba are eating their meal. Read the dialogue below and underline the sentences in *Present Simple* and highlight the sentences in *Present Continuous*.

Alba: This is a nice change. I don't usually go to pubs. I often go to restaurants.
Jack: It's a change for me too. I always have a beer with my hamburger and chips. But tonight we are having wine!
Alba: Do you like it?
Jack: Yes, I do. So, what is Anna doing tonight?
Alba: She is playing cards with some friends at our flat.
Jack: Oh cool. Do you and Anna often play cards?
Alba: Mm... we sometimes play poker every few weeks.
Jack: That's great. Maybe we could all play together some time. My friend Tom also loves to play. We sometimes play together but I'm not very good!
Alba: haha we should play for money then!
Jack: haha no!
Alba: I'm joking!
Jack: I can smell your perfume. What perfume are you wearing?
Alba: It's called *Midnight Passion*. Do you like it?
Jack: Yes, very much! It smells like flowers.
Alba: Thanks. I don't always wear it. It's for special occasions.
Jack: That's nice to hear. I'm enjoying this evening very much.
Alba: Me too.



5. Answer the following questions about the dialogue:

1. What does Jack usually drink with his wine?
 - a) Wine
 - b) Beer
2. What are Jack and Alba drinking with their dinner tonight?
 - a) Wine
 - b) Beer
3. Does Jack like the wine?
 - a) Yes, he does.
 - b) No, he doesn't.
4. Where is Anna playing cards?
 - a) At Alba and Anna's flat.
 - b) At a friend's flat.
5. How often do Alba and Anna play cards?
 - a) Everyday.
 - b) Every few weeks.
6. Who is Tom?
 - a) Alba's friend.
 - b) Jack's friend.
7. Does Tom like to play cards?
 - a) Yes, he does.
 - b) No, he doesn't.
8. Is Jack good at playing cards?
 - a) Yes, he is.
 - b) No, he isn't.
9. Does Alba want to play for money?
 - a) Yes, she does.
 - b) No, she doesn't. (she was just joking)