# Back to school

**Grammar** → Present simple affirmative → Prepositions of time

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# Vocabulary

## **School subjects**

**1a** Work with a partner. Match the pictures with some of these words. Check that you understand the other words. Use your dictionary if necessary.

art biology chemistry English French geography German history information and communication technology (ICT) maths music physical education (PE) physics Spanish

#### **School activities**

4 Match the pictures with some of these words.

ask/answer a question do homework finish (school/classes) have a break have lunch sit stand start (school/classes)



2 LISTENING 1.12 Listen to five school lessons. What is the school subject of each lesson?

**1b 1.11** Listen and repeat.

1 \_\_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_

3 SPEAKING Work with a partner. Give your opinion of different school subjects. Use these expressions.

I love it./It's great.

I like it./It's good.

It's OK./It's not bad.

I think it's OK. I don't like history.

I don't like it.

I hate it./I can't stand it.

1 I start school at \_\_\_\_\_\_.
2 I have a break at \_\_\_\_\_\_.
3 I have lunch at \_\_\_\_\_\_.
4 I finish school at \_\_\_\_\_\_.
5 I do homework \_\_\_\_\_\_ days a week.

**6a SPEAKING** Look at this school timetable. Work in five groups. Write *your* school timetable. Each group writes a different day. Write the names of the lessons.

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	Lesson 1		Lesson 2	Lesson 3		Lesson 4	BREAK	Lesson
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Wed	Art	MORNING	English	English	┤ ̄	Music	出出	
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**6b SPEAKING** Present your timetable to the class.

On Monday our first lesson is at five to nine. It's PE.

# Reading

- 1 Work with a partner. Look at the photo and answer the questions.
  - 1 Who is in the photo?
  - 2 Is the school similar to your school?
- 2 Read the text. What's your opinion of school life in Japan?
  - a I think it's great.
  - **b** I think it's good.
  - c It's OK.
  - d I don't like it.

# Typical school life in a part of the school l

Japanese secondary students study <u>typical</u> subjects – maths, English, history, biology, chemistry, PE. A student normally studies ten to fourteen subjects. Students start their first class at half past eight. There are about 30 students in each class.

The students are in the <u>same</u> classroom all day. The teacher goes from one classroom to another at the start and end of the class, not the students.

At the start and end of the class, the students stand for the teacher. When the teacher goes, the students talk with their friends for ten minutes and take their books out of their desks for the next class.

The students have lunch in their classroom. They have a cold lunch, made at home by their parents, or they have a hot lunch made at school. Lunch is 45 minutes and there is no other break, except the ten minutes at the end of the class.

Japanese students finish classes at quarter to four. But when they finish, they clean the desks, the windows and, the board.

After they finish class, the students got after school clubs. © Macmillan Publishers LTD



# Read the text again. Are these sentences true (T) or false (F) or is the information not mentioned (NM) in the text?

- 1 Japanese students have very unusual school subjects.
  T/F/NM
- 2 In PE classes, they have 45 students with one teacher. T/F/NM
- 3 The students stand for the teacher at the start of the lesson.
- the lesson. T/F/NM

  The students answer ten questions in a class. T/F/NM
- 5 The students have lunch in the school cafeteria. <u>T/F/NM</u>
- The students have a break in the afternoon.
- 7 Japanese students clean their classroom. <u>T/F/NM</u>
- 3 Japanese students do homework at six o'clock. T/F/NM

### **EXAM SUCCESS**

In exercise 3, is it more important to give your <u>opinion</u> or to understand the <u>information</u> in the text?

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- 4 Match the underlined words in the text with these pictures and definitions.
  - 1 equal to something
  - 2 not hot

3

T/F/NM



4 normal, usual



#### 5 SPEAKING What about you?

- 1 What things in Japanese schools are similar to your school?
- 2 What things are different?

We start at half past eight, like in Japan.

We aren't in the same classroom all day.

#### **GRAMMAR GUIDE**

#### Present simple affirmative

# 1a Look at the sentences. When do verbs in the present simple finish in -s?

- 1 They **study** typical subjects.
- 2 We **clean** the classroom.
- 3 Teachers **teach** and students **learn**.
- 4 You **go** from one classroom to another.
- 5 I finish classes at quarter to four.
- 6 It **starts** at half past eight.
- 7 He **studies** history.
- 8 School **finishes** at quarter to four.
- 9 She does her homework.

#### **1b** Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 We use the present simple to talk about regular or routine actions.
- 2 We use the present simple to talk about things that are always or usually true.

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- 2a PRONUNCIATION 1.13 Look at the verbs and listen. Can you hear the difference in their endings?
  - 1 /s/ starts likes asks
  - 2 /z/ cleans goes does
  - 3 /ız/ finishes watches relaxes
- **2b** ① Listen again and practise saying the words.
- 3 Complete the sentences with the present simple form of these verbs.

do finish answer ask qo hate love start write 1 Our school \_\_\_\_\_\_at nine o'clock in the morning. 2 My friend \_\_\_\_\_emails every day. 3 She \_\_\_\_\_her homework at the weekend. 4 I \_\_\_\_\_English. It's my favourite subject. 5 My sister \_\_\_\_\_French. She can't understand a 6 When school \_\_\_\_\_at four o'clock, we home. 7 Usually the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ questions and the



T/F

T/F

4 Complete the text with the present simple form of the verbs given.

l (a)	(love) my school. My first class ( <b>b</b> )	(start) at 7 o'clock in the morning
and it's nuclear p	hysics. My friends and I (c)	(ask) the teacher really difficult questions.
After two hours,	the teacher ( <b>d</b> ) (leave	) and our next class is all about the history of the
universe. One of	my friends, Oscar, ( <b>e</b> )	(know) lots about this subject because his mother
( <b>f</b> )	(write) encyclopaedias. Oscar ( <b>g</b> )	(read) 100 pages a day. It's terrible
when school ( <b>h</b> ) .	(finish) but in the eve	ning we (i)(do) homework for
two or three hou	rs. Yes, we all think that our School t	or Geniuses is great!

#### GRAMMAR GUIDE

#### Prepositions of time

- 5 Look at the sentences and complete the rules with on, at or in.
  - a Students start their first class at half past eight.
  - **b** They go to school **on** Saturday.
  - **c** They go **in** the morning.
  - **d** We start school **in** September.
  - e School starts on 7<sup>th</sup> September.
  - f We do homework at night.
  - They have classes at the weekend.
  - The next Olympic Games is **in** 2012.
  - We use \_\_\_\_\_ with days.
  - 2 We use \_\_\_\_\_ with times.
  - 3 We use \_\_\_\_\_ with months.
  - 4 We use \_\_\_\_\_ with dates.
  - 5 We use \_\_\_\_\_ with parts of the day (morning, afternoon, evening).
  - We use \_\_\_\_\_ with *night* and *the* weekend.
  - **7** We use with years.

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6a Use the table to write true sentences. Remember to put the verb in the correct form.

Subject	Verb	Object S:		oosition of e marketing
1	go	(to) school		
My mum	study	(to) work		(time)
My friends	clean	English	on	(day)
My family	learn	the house	in	(month)
and I	watch	homework	at	(date)
My teacher	start	French	at	(part of the
My good	speak	the TV		day, or
friend	finish	DVDs		night)
	do	to school		

**6b SPEAKING** Compare sentences with other students. Which sentences are similar?

I go to school at quarter to nine.

So does my friend!

My mum watches DVDs in the evening.

#### **STUDY SKILLS**

What can you do to practise new grammar that you learn? STUDY SKILLS ▶ page 156

# ▶ Developing vocabulary

## **Everyday activities**













1a Work with a partner. Match the pictures with some of these phrases. Check that you understand the other phrases.

get (un)dressed get up go to bed go to school by bike/bus/car/train have a shower have breakfast/lunch/dinner make breakfast/lunch/dinner play football/tennis/computer games walk to school

**1b 1.14** Listen and repeat.

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2 SPEAKING Work in small groups. Take it in turns to talk about a typical day.

I get up at half past seven.

I have a shower first. Then I have breakfast.

I walk to school at eight o'clock.

- LISTENING 1.15 Listen and match the speakers (1–5) with the activities (a-e).
  - Speaker 1
- a play tennis
- **2** Speaker 2
- **b** have lunch at home
- **3** Speaker 3
- **c** make dinner
- **4** Speaker 4
- **d** do homework in the evening
- **5** Speaker 5
- e go to bed at 11 pm

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# School life in the UK

# International cultural knowledge

Secondary schools in England



- 1 Look at this table of the English education system. What things are similar or different in your country?
- 2 Read the text. Are secondary schools in your country similar to English schools?



# > FACT FILE:

Secondary schools in England

- Everybody studies English, maths and science up to the age of 16. These subjects are compulsory. In the first years of secondary school, students have 12 different subjects.
- > 90% of students go to comprehensive schools. Comprehensive schools are state schools which are open to all students.
- In England, private schools are called public schools, or independent schools. Independent schools are very expensive. Only 7% of students go to these schools.
- There is one subject in English schools that isn't very usual in other countries. It's called Design and Technology (D & T). When you study this subject, you study different things like food, textiles and materials and electronic products.
- In England, parents can teach their children at home. This is called home schooling. About 50,000 children study at home and not at school.

Age on 1st Sept	School
3	Nursery school (not compulsory)
4	Primary school (Infants)
5	Primary school (Infants)
6	Primary school (Infants)
7	Primary school (Juniors)
8	Primary school (Juniors)
9	Primary school (Juniors)
10	Primary school (Juniors)
11	Secondary school
	Secondary school
	Secondary school
	Secondary school
15	Secondary school
16	Secondary school (Sixth Form)/
1	Sixth Form College (not compulsory)
17 8	Secondary school (Sixth Form)/
	Bixth Form College (not compulsory)

At 16, English students take national exams called GCSEs. GCSE means General Certificate of Millan Publishers Secondary Education.

- After GCSEs, it is possible to finish your studies. Students who stay at school study in the sixth form. You study the subjects you like and no subjects are compulsory. Students do just three or four subjects. They take national exams in these subjects. The exams are called A levels (Advanced levels).
- English secondary school students normally call their teachers Sir (for men) or Miss (for women).

#### Match the words with the correct information.

Word		Information		
a b c d e	D & T A level GCSE public school comprehensive school home schooling Sixth form	3 4 5 6	The last part of secondary school, for students from 16 to 18.  You pay to go to this type of school  You do these national exams when you finish Sixth Form.  This subject looks at things like clothes and food.  You do these national exams when you are 16.  These are state schools. They are for all students.  This is when students have lessons at home, not at school.	

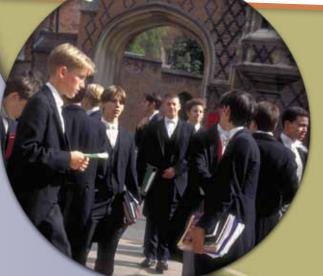
#### **SPEAKING** What about you?

- 1 What is your opinion of secondary schools in England?
- 2 Choose three things that are interesting about secondary schools in England. Make notes about your ideas. Then talk to your partner.

You only do three or four subjects when you're 16 or 17. I think that's good.

I think D & T is an unusual subject.





- **6b LISTENING** •• **1.16** Listen to some information about Eton. Check your answers to the quiz.
- - Students go home every day when school finishes.
     It costs approximately £30,000 a year to study at Eton.
     The students have a special name for teachers.
  - 4 The Eton Wall Game is similar to football.
  - 5 There is an old school in England called Rugby School.
- 8 SPEAKING What about you?
  - 1 What schools are famous in your town or country?
  - 2 In your opinion, is an all-boys school or an all-girls school a good thing? Why/Why not?

T/F

T/F

T/F

T/F

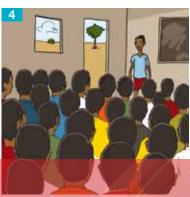
# Listening

1 Work with a partner. Look at the pictures and talk about them. Where are the people?











2 LISTENING ① 1.17 Listen to four people talking about education.

Match the people (A–D) and the pictures in 1. There are five pictures but only four speakers.

A \_\_\_\_\_B

C \_\_\_\_\_

#### STUDY SKILLS

Is it necessary to understand everything the first time that you listen to a text? **STUDY SKILLS** • page 156

Who...

1 is part of a big class?2 has a parent for their teacher?

doesn't go to school every day because they work too?

4 lives a long way from their teacher?

5 doesn't have time to go to school?

6 says they aren't happy with their classes?

Grammar in context

#### **GRAMMAR GUIDE**

#### Present simple negative

- Look at the sentences and complete the rules with don't or doesn't.
  - a I don't have time to go to school.
  - **b** You **don't** talk to other students.
  - c He doesn't go every day.
  - d We don't walk to school.
  - e They don't live in a city.
  - 1 After he/she/it we use
  - 2 After *l/you/we/they* we use

After don't or doesn't we use the verb without -s.

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2 Complete the sentences with *don't* or *doesn't*.

get up at six am.

2 Megan and Lucy \_\_\_\_\_watch football on TV.

3 Andy play football.

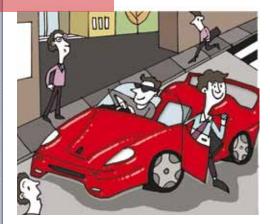
4 His father \_\_\_\_\_ go to work by

5 You \_\_\_\_\_walk to school.

6 Ryan and I \_\_\_\_\_do our

7 That student \_\_\_\_\_\_listen to the teacher.

8 I \_\_\_\_\_ clean my bedroom.



#### 3 Make the sentences negative.

1 I go to school in a Ferrari.

I don't go to school in a Ferrari.

- 2 My cousin reads ten books a day.
- 3 My grandmother plays computer games.
- 4 Her parents watch TV at 7 am.
- 5 You speak French.

A/B/C/D

A/B/C/D

A/B/C/D

A/B/C/D

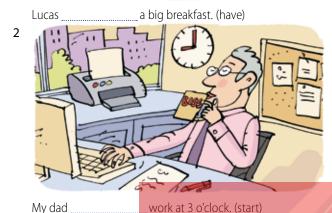
A/B/C/D

A/B/C/D

- 6 Sam and Leo go to bed at ten o'clock.
- 7 His brother makes the dinner.
- 8 She watches TV in the afternoon.

4 Look at the pictures. Write sentences with the affirmative or negative form of the present simple.





5a Write true sentences about you and your routines. Use the words in the table to help you. Make the sentences affirmative or negative.

I don't have a shower at night. I have a shower in the morning.

Verb	Noun
play	TV
have	computer games
, nave	school
get up	bed
watch	football
	shower
go to	lunch
do	homework

**5b SPEAKING** Work with a partner. Read your sentences to your partner. Then tell the class about your partner.

> Anne doesn't have a shower at night. She has a shower in the morning.



Object pronouns

6a Look at the sentences. Are the words in green and red subject or object pronouns?

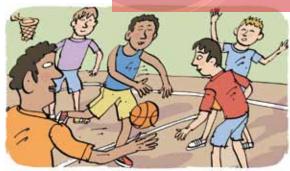
- a She talks to me. I listen to her.
- text © Macmillan Publish eksus Tibe like them.
  - c He hates you. You don't like him.
  - **6b** Match the subject and object pronouns in the table.

Subject pronoun		Object pronoun		
1	1	a	you	
2	you	b	her	
3	he	c	it	
4	she	. d	me	
5	it	e	them	
6	we	f	him	
7	they	g	US	

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at five o'clock. (get up)

3



At school we computer games. (play)



He \_\_\_\_\_\_to school by car. (go)

- Write the sentences again using an object pronoun.
  - 1 | like *Mary*. | like \_\_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2 She loves *football*. She loves
  - We listen to *our teachers*. We listen to \_\_\_\_\_
  - The teachers speak to *me and the other students*. The teachers speak to \_\_\_\_\_\_.
  - 5 They hate *Mr Smith*. They hate \_\_\_\_\_

# Developing speaking Talking about yourself

LISTENING 1.18 Listen to a new student introducing himself to the class. Complete the notes with these words.

computer games fifteen PF school tennis twenty university science

Name: Adam Miller From: Ontario, Canada Parents' names: Jack and Alice Ontario, Canada **Brothers and sisters:** Katie – (a) \_\_\_\_\_\_years old – studies at (b) Olivia – (c) \_\_\_\_\_years old – studies at this (d) Favourite subjects: (e) \_\_\_\_\_\_, (**f**) \_\_\_\_\_ and music Doesn't really like: After school: plays (h) \_\_\_\_\_\_, doesn't play (i)

2a What does Adam say to the teacher? Complete the dialogue with the sentences (1-6) below. One answer does not appear in the dialogue.

**TEACHER:** You're new in the class this year. Tell us something about yourself. What's your name and where are you from? Tell us about your family.

(b) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | I hate geography.

Sample marketing text © Mac2nillaon like Phers LTD | I'm very bad at sport. **TEACHER:** Tell us about your family. ADAM: **Teacher:** What about school? What are your favourite subjects? ADAM: **TEACHER:** What about physics and chemistry? ADAM: **TEACHER:** And after school? Adam: (e)

- 1 I play tennis. I don't play computer games because I don't like them much.
- 2 I get up at quarter to eight. I have a shower and get dressed. I have breakfast and then I go to school by car with my dad.
- 3 My parents' names are Jack and Alice. I've got two sisters. Their names are Katie and Olivia. Katie is 20 years old. She studies at university. Olivia is 15. She comes to this school.
- 4 They're OK, but they aren't my favourite subjects. I don't really like science.
- 5 I love sport so I really like PE. And I like art and music. I'm good at art. I like drawing and painting.
- 6 My name's Adam, Adam Miller. I'm from Ontario, in Canada.



- 2b SPEAKING Work with a partner. One of you is the teacher and the other is the student. Practise the completed dialogue.
- 3 Look at the dialogue again and find an example sentence for each word in the Speaking Bank.

#### Speaking Bank

#### Useful words for linking ideas

- Addition: and 1 have a shower and get dressed.
- Contrast: but
- Reason: because
  - Consequence: so
- Complete the sentences with and, but, because or so.

- 3 | get up, | have a shower \_\_\_\_\_ | get dressed. 4 My maths teacher is very good \_\_\_\_\_I understand
- everything. 5 I walk to school my house is just five minutes away.
- 6 | I speak French \_\_\_\_\_\_ I don't speak Spanish.
- 7 My friend is American \_\_\_\_\_she speaks English.
- **5a SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Student A: You are the teacher. Ask the guestions in 2. Student B: You are the student. Use the information on page 167.
- 5b When you finish, change roles. Student A: Use the information on page 167.

#### **Practice makes perfect**

- **6a SPEAKING** Make notes about your family, the school subjects you like/don't like and what you do after school.
- **6b** Work with a partner. One of you is the teacher and asks questions. The other person talks about themselves.

#### **EXAM SUCCESS**

What topics connected with personal information are typical in a speaking exam? For example, your name, your age ...

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# Developing writing An informal email

Read the email from Mark. Find Mark in the photo.



2 Look at the email. Which paragraph (a-d). Look at Mark's email again and complete the information in the Writing Bank.

- 1 gives basic information about Mark and his family?
- talks about Mark and school?
- gives a physical description of Makingle marketing text © Macmillan Publishers LTD
- gives information about Mark's daily routine?
- 3a Look at the email again. When do we use capital letters in English? Choose the correct answers.
  - with names and surnames
  - 2 with cities
  - 3 with countries
  - 4 with nationalities and languages
  - 5 for members of the family
  - 6 with days and months
  - 7 with the first person singular pronoun
  - at the start of a sentence
- 3b Which rules for capital letters are different in your language?
- Write the sentences again using capital letters where necessary.
  - 1 the capital of scotland is edinburgh.
  - 2 my name is susan johnson and i'm from australia.
  - 3 his brother studies english in manchester.
  - is robert british or american? 4
  - on tuesday, i study french.

- **Useful words and expressions in informal emails** Begin with
- Use contractions,
- , not I have got.
- To finish, write Write back
- and Best

#### **Practice makes perfect**

Look at the task and write the email. Include all the information. Use Mark's email as a model and use capital letters and words and expressions from the Writing Bank.

You receive an email from a boy in England. Reply to the email. Include information about:

- your family
- your hair, eyes, etc.
- your likes and dislikes at school
- your routine

# Language reference and revision

# Grammar reference

### Present simple affirmative

#### **Form**

Affirmative

I/You/We/They **start** at 9 o'clock. He/She/It **starts** at 9 o'clock.

#### **Spelling**

- We usually add **s** to the verb. like — likes — walk — walks
- We add es to verbs that end in -s, -sh, -ch, -x
   watch watches wash washes
   kiss kisses
- We add es to the verbs go and do.
   go goes do does
- With verbs that end in **consonant** + **y**, we omit the **y** and add **ies**. **study** - **studies cry** - **cries**

With verbs that end in vowel + y, we add s.
 play - plays say - says

#### Use

We use the present simple to talk about:

- 1 regular habits and routines.

  We study maths on Mondays.

  He watches DVDs every weekend
- 2 permanent situations.

  Teachers teach and students learn.

  Babies cry if they are hungry.

  I go to bed when I am ill.

### Prepositions of time

#### We use:

in with parts of the day in the morning, in the afternoon, in the evening with months in September, in December with years



**on** with days

on Monday, on Sunday with dates on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 6<sup>th</sup> November

at with times

at 6 o'clock, at ten to eleven with night and the weekend at night, at the weekend

### Present simple negative

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Form Negative

I/You/We/They don't (do not) start at 9 o'clock. He/She/It doesn't (does not) start at 9 o'clock.

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- We use doesn't with the third person singular (he/she/it).
- After *don't* or *doesn't* we use the base form of the verb (without -s), e.g. *go, clean, start*.

### Object pronouns

Singular	Plural
me	us
you	you
him/her/it	them

#### Use

He watches it on TV. He listens to me. She talks to them.

# Vocabulary

#### 1 School subjects

art biology chemistry English French geography German history information and communication technology (ICT) maths music physical education (PE) physics Spanish

#### 2 School activities

ask/answer a question do homework finish (school/classes) have a break have lunch sit stand start (school/classes)

#### 3 Everyday activities

get (un)dressed get up go to bed go to school by bike/bus/car/train have a shower have breakfast/lunch/dinner make breakfast/lunch/dinner play football/tennis/computer games walk to school

**4** Other words and phrases ▶ page 146

## Grammar revision

#### Present simple affirmative

1 Look at the pictures and write about what Ethan does on Sunday. Use the correct form of these verb phrases.

do homework go to bed get up have a shower play football watch TV



Ethan and his friends



2 Ethan



Ethan



**5** Ethan

#### Prepositions of time

**2** Complete the sentences with *in, on* or *at*.

I get up \_\_\_\_\_ten o'clock. Saturday I go to bed late.

3 I read \_\_\_\_\_night.

4 It's my birthday \_\_\_\_\_\_ 7<sup>th</sup> February.

5 I have English lessons \_\_\_\_\_ the evening.

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#### Present simple negative

3 Write sentences using the negative form of the present

Usain Bolt/play tennis.

2 I/get up in the afternoon. My parents/do homework.

4 We/go to school on Sunday.

5 You/finish school at 10 pm.

6 My grandfather/watch TV all day.

at half past ten on Sunday.



3 Ethan and his brother

at half past nine on Sunday.

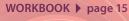
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on Sunday afternoon.



6 Ethan and his brother

at 7 pm on Sunday evening. Samble marketing text © Macmillan Publishers LTD /6 points



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#### Object pronouns

Look at the subject pronouns and write the correct object

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5 she \_\_\_\_\_

6 they .....

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# Vocabulary revision

#### School subjects

Write the school subjects that match the pictures.













#### School activities

Write verbs in the correct form to complete the activities.

Many people s\_\_\_\_\_school at 9 o'clock in the morning. 1

When school f\_\_\_\_\_, the students go home. 2 3 A lot of students h\_\_\_\_lunch at school.

4 Id\_\_\_\_\_my homework in the evening. 5 After three classes, we h\_\_\_\_\_a break.

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#### Everyday activities

3 Complete the everyday activities with vowels.

1 h\_v\_ash\_w\_r

**4** m k d nn r

**2** g t b d

5 g\_t\_ndr\_ss\_d

**3** h...v... br......kf...st **6** g....t...sch.......l by b...s

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