

# **The National Research University Higher School of Economics**

**IELTS** (*International English Language Testing System*)

**Listening: 40 minutes**

**Reading: 60 minutes**

**Writing: 60 minutes**

**Speaking: 11–14 minutes**

## **adjective**

hard-working

artistic

supportive

adventurous

talkative

## **antonyms**

useless, ineffective

tasteless

unsupportive

careful, cautious

quiet, shy, secretive

## adjective

creative

wise

considerate

conscientious

helpful

## antonyms

dull, talentless

witless, foolish

absentminded, uncivil

negligent, lazy

harmful, useless

**noun**

**adjective**

1. respect - respect**ed**/respect**ful**/respect**able**

2. ambition - ambit**ious**

3. care - car**ing**/care**ful**

4. sense of humor - humor**ous**

5. talent - talent**ed**

6. generosity - gener**ous**







respectable



Respected by



Respectful to  
(towards)

**noun**

**adjective**

8 sociability - soci**able**

9 calmness - calm

10 punctuality - punctual

11 reliability - reli**able**

12 loyalty - loyal

# UN...

unhealthy  
unfriendly  
unhelpful  
unspoken  
unhappy  
unfair  
unfaithful  
uncomfortable  
unusual  
unlikely  
unshaven  
unreal

# IM...



impossible  
impolite  
imperfect  
impatient  
imprecise  
immoral  
improbable  
imperceptible  
impure  
imbalanced  
immaculate  
impeccable

# IN...

infrequent  
incompetent  
incapable  
incorrect  
incredible  
inexpensive  
inexpressive  
inseparable  
incompatible  
inconsiderate  
inadequate  
invalid



**Present simple**

## **4. in proverbs and sayings**

Every rose has its thorn.

A friend in need is a friend  
indeed.

Give a man a fish and you feed

**Adverbs of frequency**  
always, occasionally

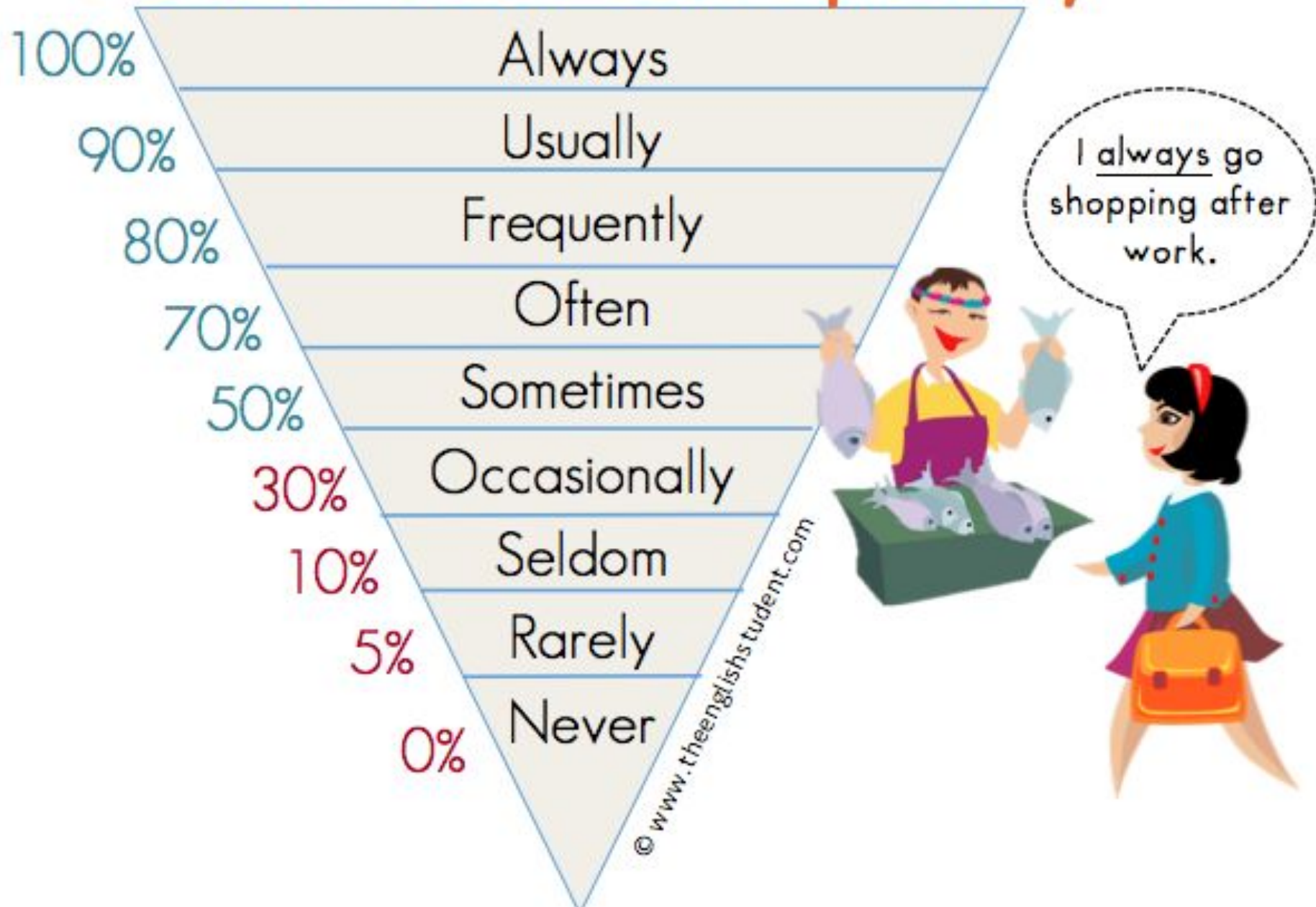
as a rule, often

regularly,

every day (week ...)

seldom, generally, sometimes, never  
usually

# Adverbs of Frequency



# Present continuous

1. to describe actions and events which are happening 'around now'

(the actions and events may not be apparent at the time of writing or speaking)

**(currently, presently, this week (month...))**

## Present continuous

The earth is becoming warmer year by year.

More and more students are applying for the course.



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# When NOT To Use Present Continuous

**Verbs of opinion:**  
(“state verbs” or “stative verbs”)

know, believe, understand, recognize,  
prefer, agree/disagree,  
approve/disapprove, suppose, suspect

**Verbs of possession:**

have, own, belong, possess, include, owe

# When NOT To Use Present Continuous

~~("state verbs" or "stative verbs")~~  
**Verbs involving perception of  
the senses:**

hear, smell, see, feel, appear, seem,  
resemble

**Verbs of emotion:**

love, hate, like, want, need, desire, wish

# When NOT To Use Present Continuous

(“state verbs” or “stative verbs”)  
**Verbs that describe intrinsic  
states/qualities:**

weigh, contain, consist, measure, cost,  
exist, depend, deserve, involve, matter

# Present simple or present continuous?

verbs that have a 'state' and 'action'

meaning.

State: *I think...* Action: *I'm thinking...*

State: *I have...* Action: *I am having...*

State: *It smells...* Action: *It is smelling...*



**ACTION**

# Present simple or present continuous?

verbs that have a 'state' and 'action'

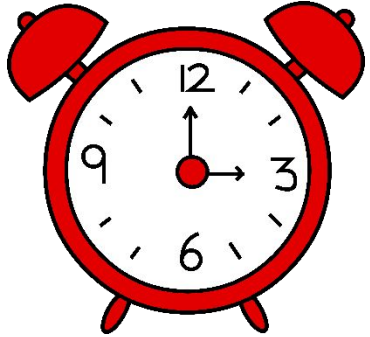
**State:** I think studying languages **meaning,** is important.

**Action:** I'm thinking about this problem.  
Give me a few minutes.



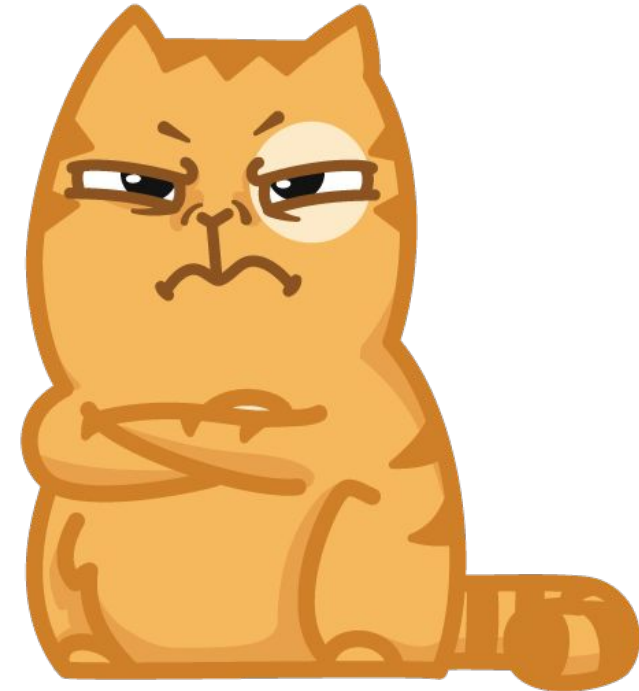


# ALWAYS



**I always (usually, every day)...**

**He is always (continually, or constantly)...**



**irritation**

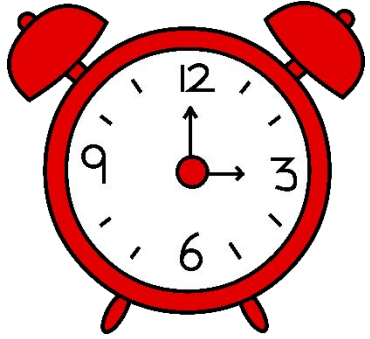
# ALWAYS

Present simple: He always gets up at 7 am. (He does it as a matter of routine.)

Present continuous: He's always talking about his



# the verb to be



**He is always (usually, every day)...**

**He is being now....  
surprise**



## the verb to be

Present simple: She is very persistent.

(This is part of her personality.)

Present continuous: She is being very

persistent at the moment. (This is

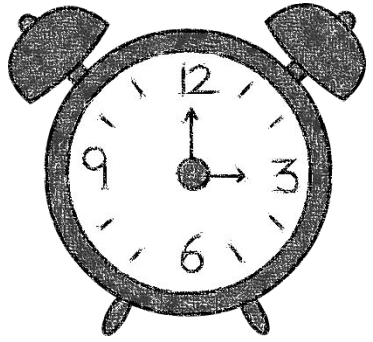
unusual for her. This is not her normal

# the verb to be

She is being very persistent at the moment. (This is unusual for her)







## Past simple

1. a completed action, event or state in the past which is not

connected with **now**

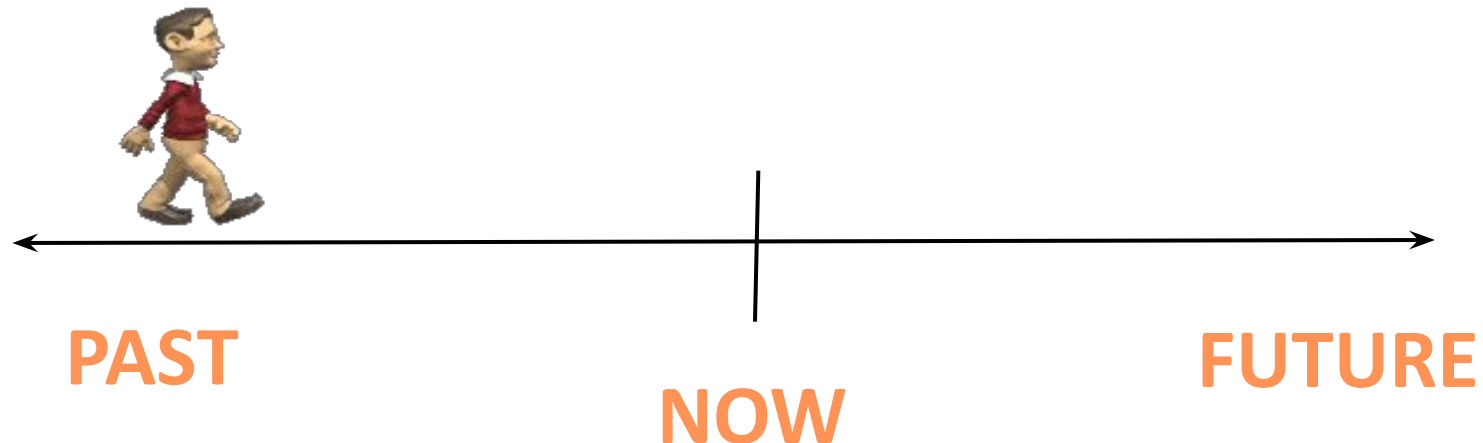
2. an action or event at a particular time, or during a particular period

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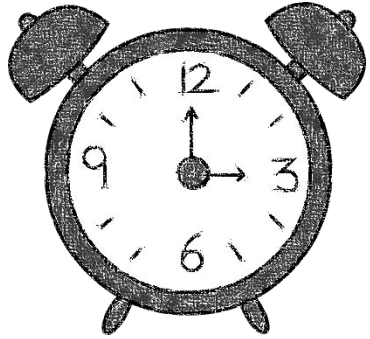
# Past Simple

- Indicates an action that took place before now, and has no real connection with the current time

He walked to school



# Signal words Simple Past



ago, an hour ago, one week ago,

in 2011 ..., in 1999 ..., last

month, last week, last year, last

weekend, last summer,

yesterday, at 5 o'clock

# When did ?