

3 **T 2.1** Read and listen to the text about Sidney Fisk. Answer the questions.

- 1 What do you think are the good and bad things about Sidney's life?
- 2 Do you think his life is exciting or boring? Would you like to have a life like Sidney's?
- 3 Do you know any people with similar lives? Are they happy?

'I don't know if I'm happy.'

Sidney Fisk, 45

Work

Sidney Fisk is a lawyer. He's paid very well, but he usually has to work long hours. He works for an international company in Dallas, Texas, so he travels a lot in his job. At the moment he's working in Mexico, and next week he's travelling to France.

Home life

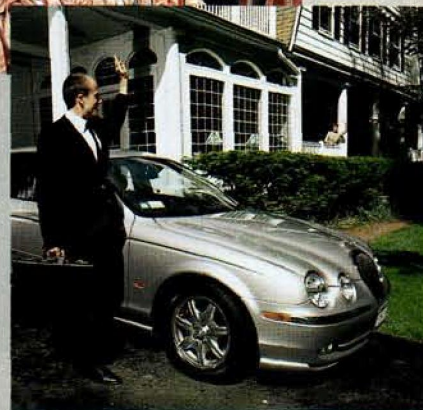
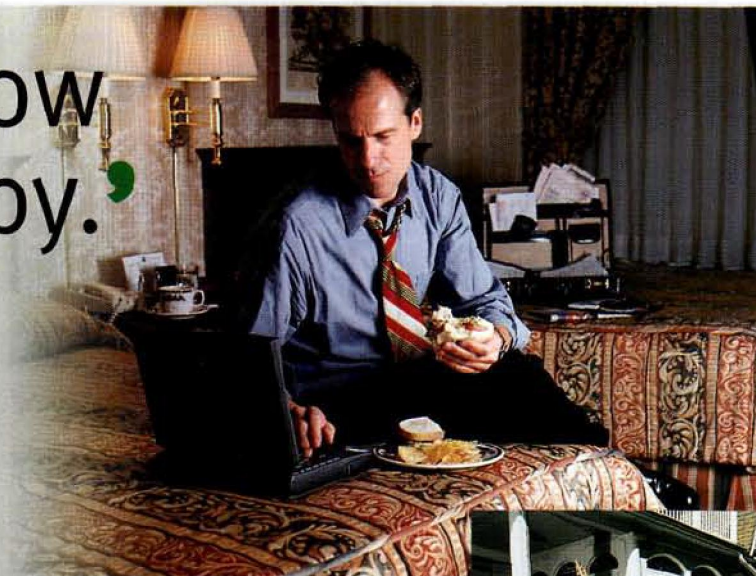
Sidney is married and he's got two children, aged 11 and 14. He rarely sees his children because so much of his time is spent away from home. He's got a beautiful house in a suburb of Dallas. It's very big, with eight bedrooms. His wife is an interior designer.

Free time

If he's at home at the weekend, he and his wife sometimes play golf, but that doesn't happen very often. They never have much time to relax together.

Is he happy?

He says he doesn't know if he's happy. He's too busy to think about it.



GRAMMAR SPOT

- (1)
- 1 Find these words in the text about Sidney Fisk: *usually, often, rarely, never*. What kind of words are they?
 - 2 What tense are most of the verbs in the text? Why?
 - 3 Find two examples each in the text of the Present Continuous and the Present Simple passive. Which auxiliary verb is used to form these?
 - 4 Complete the questions and answers with the correct auxiliary verbs.
 - a _____ he travel a lot? Yes, he _____.
 - b _____ she work in a bank? No, she _____.
 - c _____ they play golf? Yes, they _____.
 - d _____ you play tennis? No, I _____.
 - e _____ he paid a lot? Yes, he _____.
 - f _____ he working in France at the moment? No, he _____.

▶ Grammar Reference 2.1 and 2.2 pp135–136

- 4 Complete the questions about Sidney. Then ask and answer them with a partner.

(2)

- ... married?
- What ... do?
- Where ... live?
- Has ... any children?
- What ... his wife do?
- Which sports ... play?
- Where ... working at the moment?
- ... paid very well?

Is he married?

Yes, he is.

T 2.2 Listen and check.

- 5 Ask and answer similar questions with your partner.

Are you married?

No, I'm not.

Have you got any brothers or sisters?

WHAT DO YOU DO?

Simple or continuous?

1 T 2.5 Read and listen to the conversation.



- A What do you do?
 B I'm an interior designer. I decorate people's homes and give them ideas for furniture and lighting.
 A And what are you working on these days?
 B Well, I'm not working on a home at the moment. I'm working on a hotel. I'm designing a new lobby for the Plaza.
 A Do you like your job?
 B Yes, I love it.

Memorize the conversation and practise it with a partner.

2 Work with a partner. Have similar conversations with some of these jobs.

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| an architect | a research scientist | an artist | an actor |
| a rock musician | a web page designer | a journalist | |
| a film director | a football player | a zookeeper | |

3 Ask each other about your own jobs or studies.

GRAMMAR SPOT

- Some verbs are used in both simple and continuous forms. These are called action verbs.
 She usually **drives** to work, but today she **isn't driving**. She's **walking**.
- Some verbs are almost never used in the continuous form. These are called state verbs.
 I **like** black coffee. (NOT ~~I'm liking~~ black coffee.)
- Seven of these verbs are *not* usually used in the Present Continuous. Underline them.

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| <u>like</u> | know | understand | work | enjoy | think (= opinion) |
| come | play | have (= possession) | love | want | |

▶▶ Grammar Reference 2.3 p136

PRACTICE

Discussing grammar

- (3) 1 Are these sentences correct (✓) or incorrect (X)? Correct the mistakes.
- What do you want to drink? ✓
 - I'm not understanding this word. X
I **don't understand** this word.
 - I'm loving you a lot.
 - Do you think Michiko plays golf well?
 - I'm sorry. I'm not knowing the answer.
 - We're enjoying the lesson very much.
We're working hard.
 - I'm thinking you speak English very well.
 - The lions are fed once a day. They're being fed at the moment.
- 2 Complete the pairs of sentences using the verb in the Present Simple or the Present Continuous.
- (4)
- come
Alec and Marie are French. They _____ from Paris.
They'll be here very soon. They _____ by car.
 - have
Lisa can't come to the phone. She _____ dinner now.
She _____ a beautiful new car.
 - think
I _____ that all politicians tell lies.
I _____ about my girlfriend at the moment. She's in Australia.
 - not enjoy
We _____ this party at all. The music is too loud.
We _____ big parties.
 - watch
Be quiet! I _____ my favourite programme.
I always _____ it on Thursday evenings.
 - see
Joe isn't here. He _____ the doctor at the moment.
I _____ your problem, but I can't help you. I'm sorry.
 - use (Careful!)
This room _____ usually _____ for big meetings.
But today it _____ being _____ for a party.