

## ARE YOU OFTEN ONLINE?

## CONNECTING TO THE THEME

Are you often online? Read the statements and decide how true they are for you.

**A** true for me    **B** sometimes true for me    **C** not true for me

I check my e-mail several times a day.

My friends and I talk to each other every day on social networking sites.

I prefer to e-mail my instructors and check my grades online.

My friends and I do research for school and schedule our classes online.

*Mostly As: you are addicted to the Internet and need to meet up with friends offline more often.  
Mostly Bs: you might want to be careful about how much time you spend online.  
Mostly Cs: you may have a healthy relationship with the Internet, but don't miss out on its advantages.*

## A. Skill Presentation

A **sentence** is a group of words that makes a complete idea. Every sentence needs a **subject** and a **verb**.

There are four types of simple sentences (the **S** stands for *subject*, and the **V** stands for *verb*):

1 An SV sentence has one subject and one verb.    **SV = 1 subject + 1 verb**

**Marina** **likes** social networking sites.

(The subject is *Marina*. The verb is *likes*.)

2 An SSV sentence has two subjects and one verb.    **SSV = 2 subjects + 1 verb**

**David** and **Amy** **like** online shopping.

(The two subjects are *David* and *Amy*. The verb is *like*.)

3 An SVV sentence has one subject and two verbs.    **SVV = 1 subject + 2 verbs**

**Mike** usually **checks** the weather and **sends** e-mails every morning.

(The subject is *Mike*. The two verbs are *checks* and *sends*.)

4 An SSVV sentence has two subjects and two verbs.    **SSVV = 2 subjects + 2 verbs**

**Laura** and **Pedro** **shopped** for books and **searched** for classes online.

(The two subjects are *Laura* and *Pedro*. The two verbs are *shopped* and *searched*.)



## B. Over to You

**1 How many subjects and how many verbs are there in each sentence? Circle the correct type of simple sentence.**

1 Katarina and Mary found a new site about relationships.

SV    SSV    SVV    SSVV

2 Pedro bought a book online and wrote about it on his blog.

SV    SSV    SVV    SSVV

**2 Read each sentence in the chart. Write the subjects and verbs in the correct column.**

	SUBJECT(S)	VERB(S)
1. A recent study looked at the most popular websites for young people.		
2. Ten-year-old children usually watch TV shows and play online games.		
3. Preteens and teens like social networking sites.		
4. Clara and Nubia chat online and send messages to their friends.		
5. Many Americans spend a lot of time on e-mail.		
6. I looked at your new marketing site last night and posted a comment.		
7. My study group and I used a number of online resources for our research project.		
8. You can reconnect with old school friends on this website.		
9. I found an old friend online last night and sent her a message.		
10. My dad and I read the same blog and post comments every Saturday.		



### CHECK!

The four types of simple sentences are:

**1** \_\_\_\_\_ = 1 subject + 1 verb

**2** \_\_\_\_\_ = 2 subjects + 1 verb

**3** \_\_\_\_\_ = 1 subject + 2 verbs

**4** \_\_\_\_\_ = 2 subjects + 2 verbs

## C. Practice

- 1 Read the e-mail and decide if the words in bold are subjects or verbs. Write S for Subject and V for Verb.

To: Cathy

Subject: Yesterday's conference

From: Marisela

Hi Cathy,

I <sup>1</sup>**went** to a technology conference yesterday. I <sup>2</sup>**saw** a lot of presentations and <sup>3</sup>**met** some nice people. <sup>4</sup>**Maria and Tim** <sup>5</sup>**were** there, too. <sup>6</sup>**Dr. Langman** gave an interesting presentation. She and I <sup>7</sup>**disagree** about a few things. <sup>8</sup>**She** <sup>9</sup>**talked** about the Internet's negative effect on everyday life. I don't think the Internet is that bad. People still <sup>10</sup>**interact** with each other. Dr. Langman recommends turning off technology in order to reconnect with friends. Let's talk soon.

Take care,  
Marisela

- 1 \_\_\_      3 \_\_\_      5 \_\_\_      7 \_\_\_      9 \_\_\_  
2 \_\_\_      4 \_\_\_      6 \_\_\_      8 \_\_\_      10 \_\_\_

- 2 Read each sentence and decide what type of simple sentence it is. Write SV, SSV, SVV, or SSVV.

- \_\_\_ 1 The average American spends 32.7 hours online every week.
- \_\_\_ 2 Technology and Sociology are my two classes this semester.
- \_\_\_ 3 Sandra and her mother shopped online.
- \_\_\_ 4 Most people talk to friends and share photos online.
- \_\_\_ 5 Maria and Juan usually study in the library and eat lunch in the park.
- \_\_\_ 6 The Internet affects our lives.
- \_\_\_ 7 Many teenagers meet friends at school and interact with them online.
- \_\_\_ 8 Many adults enjoy social networking sites.
- \_\_\_ 9 John and his wife pay their bills and book their vacations on the Internet.
- \_\_\_ 10 Alejandra goes to a tutoring session and practices the piano after school.



## D. Skill Quiz

Check (✓) the correct answer for each item.

1 A sentence is a group of words that makes

- a. a person.
- b. an example.
- c. a complete idea.
- d. an action.

2 A subject is often

- a. a noun.
- b. a preposition.
- c. an adjective.
- d. an adverb.

3 Which word is a verb?

- a. Mr. Brown
- b. online
- c. sociologist
- d. meet

4 *My sister and I are friends on a social networking site.*

What type of sentence is this?

- a. SV
- b. SSV
- c. SVV
- d. SSVV

5 *Carol and Tom usually interact online and spend time together offline.*

What type of sentence is this?

- a. SV
- b. SSV
- c. SVV
- d. SSVV

6 *Teenagers interact with their friends on social networking sites.*

What type of sentence is this?

- a. SV
- b. SSV
- c. SVV
- d. SSVV

7 *Juliet searched for health information and took it to her doctor.*

What type of sentence is this?

- a. SV
- b. SSV
- c. SVV
- d. SSVV

8 *Music blogs and restaurant review sites are my two favorite types of websites.*

What type of sentence is this?

- a. SV
- b. SSV
- c. SVV
- d. SSVV

9 *Betty and Alex stayed home and spent time online.*

What type of sentence is this?

- a. SV
- b. SSV
- c. SVV
- d. SSVV

10 *Many ten-year-olds enjoy video games.*

What type of sentence is this?

- a. SV
- b. SSV
- c. SVV
- d. SSVV