

The Culture Quiz



Are these true or false?

- 1 You don't need to arrive for dinner on time in the UK. Guests are often late.
- 2 The Queen celebrates her birthday twice a year.
- 3 The Chinese New Year is always on the same day of the year.
- 4 On her fifteenth birthday, a girl often receives gold in Colombia.
- 5 The Irish always celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 27th.
- 6 In Russia, people don't often give presents on December 25th. Christmas Day for them is on January 7th.

Answers: 1 F 2 T 3 F 4 T 5 T 6 F (St Patrick's Day is on March 17th.) 6 T (The date changes from year to year.) 4 T

Presentation

Use adverbs and expressions of frequency to say how often something happens. You often use these adverbs and expressions with the present simple tense.

Adverbs of frequency

These are some of the most common adverbs of frequency:

0%	never
	hardly ever/rarely
	not often
	occasionally/sometimes
	often
	normally/usually
100%	always

*The Irish **always** celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17th.*

Position of adverbs of frequency

Adverbs of frequency normally come ...

- before the main verb

*The Irish **always** wear green on St. Patrick's Day.*

*Russian people **don't often** give presents on December 25th.*

*Do Russian people **often** give presents on December 25th?*

- after the verb *to be*

*Guests **are often** late.*

*Guests **aren't often** late.*

*Are guests **often** late?*

Expressions of frequency

once a(n) twice a(n) three times a(n)	hour / day / week / month / year
every	hour / day / week / month / year / Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday / six months / five years

*The Queen celebrates her birthday **twice a year**.*

*The Irish celebrate St. Patrick's Day **every year**.*

*We play football **once a week**.*

Position of expressions of frequency

Expressions of frequency can come at the beginning or the end of the sentence:

***Every year** they celebrate St. Patrick's Day.*

*They celebrate St. Patrick's Day **every year**.*

(don't say *They **every year** celebrate St. Patrick's Day.*)

- 1 A hotel interviewed the guests about meals. Look at the results and then choose the correct words in the summary.

1 How often do you use the hotel room service for your meals?

Every meal 5% Once a day 45% Not often 50%

2 Which do you normally prefer for breakfast?

Continental breakfast 85% Full English breakfast 12% Don't eat breakfast 3%

3 Do you ever eat at the restaurant in the evening?

Yes, every night 6% Sometimes 25% No, I usually eat out 69%

Five percent of the guests ¹ *always / often* use room service for meals and 45% eat in their rooms ² *every / all* day. The rest ³ *hardly ever / sometimes* use room service. Only 3% ⁴ *rarely / never* eat breakfast and most people ⁵ *occasionally / usually* have the Continental breakfast instead of the Full English breakfast. Most people ⁶ *always / normally* eat out in the evening. Only 6% ⁷ *always / sometimes* eat there.

- 2 Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first sentence. Use the phrases in the box.

always	don't normally	often
hardly ever	once a year	twice a week

- My brother is never on time.
My brother is late.
- Spanish people rarely eat before nine in the evening.
Spanish people eat before nine in the evening.
- We have English lessons on Mondays and Thursdays.
We have English lessons
- My family lives apart but we always meet on the first of January.
My family lives apart but we meet
- People in my country usually offer tea to a visitor.
People in my country offer coffee to a visitor.
- My schedule is busy, so I often work at weekends.
My schedule is busy, so I have a free weekend.

- 3 Add the adverbs and expressions of frequency in parentheses to the sentences.

Cultural Habits

Breakfast habits around the world

- What we eat for breakfast ^{usually} is the same every day. (usually)
- In Madagascar, people eat dried beef. (a few times a week)
- Canadians put maple syrup on their morning pancakes. (always)
- Many of us start the day without either tea or coffee. (rarely)
- Italians drink a cup of coffee before they do anything else. (normally)
- Most breakfast tables around the world include bread. (every day)