Pictures of English Tenses

Level 1 Elementary

The "BIG PICTURE"
 'To be' & 'To have'
 'To go' & 'To like'
 Present Simple
 Present Continuous
 Present Simple / Continuous
 Simple Past
 More Simple Past
 Future 'will'
 Future 'going to'
 'Have got'
 Revision

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Introduction

Pictures of English Tenses - Level 1 is designed for teachers with limited preparation time who want to provide lively, motivating language skills lessons to introduce, test or revise the use of tenses.



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Overview of tenses Present Simple Present Simple Present Continuous Present Continuous? Past Simple or Continuous ? Past Simple More Past Simple Future 'Will' Future 'Going to' 'Have got' Revision



TEACHING NOTES

Using Pictures of English Tenses - Level 1

- Photocopy Side A for oral practice in the target structure.
 Photocopy Side B for written follow up.
- The Teaching Notes give you **'prompt' questions** to generate the correct structures and also **answers** to exercises.
- Pictures of English Tenses Level 1 concentrates on 4 key structures.
 Each structure is consistently linked with a colour.
 Present Simple (Dark Blue) & Present Continuous (Light Blue).
 Past Simple (Brown) ... Autumn leaves ? Burnt Toast?
 Future (Yellow) a nice bright sunny future for everyone!
- Use these colours consistently so students quickly become familiar with them.
- The names in the picture drills, i.e. <u>BILL BROWN</u> (PAST Tense) reinforce this association.
- Students now have a "right hemisphere", colour-based system for identifying and using tenses.





Unit 1 'The BIG PICTURE'

This unit gives an overview of **Present, Past**, and **Future tenses.** Students may not be using all of the tenses actively – but a passive knowledge is vital. (It's like seeing the picture on the outside of the jigsaw puzzle box before you start fitting individual pieces together!) The conversations with their "fill in the blanks" space introduce learners to the basics of the tenses and also to the "colour families".

Exercise 1

'Missing' lines. What do you do , Duncan Dark Blue? I paint houses.
I'm painting my kitchen - light blue, of course. Did you paint this picture, Bill? No. My Uncle, Bertie Brown, painted it in 1920. What are you going to do tomorrow, Yolanda? I'm going to paint my clock yellow.

BRAIN-friendly tip: Introduce "Colour family" idea with coloured pens/pencils – enough for students to share. (Also have coloured sweets as an incentive! Smarties are very good)	- E
good).	

Unit 2 'To be' and 'to have' - Present Simple (Dark Blue). Practice with 2 key verbs.

- Side A: (to be) am are is are are
 - (to have) have have has have have

Side B: Exercise 1 am are is are are

- Exercise 2 have have have have have
- Exercise 2 Are am / Is is / Is isn't / Are are / Are aren't
- Exercise 4 have / have / hoes have doesn't / Do have do / Do have do **Dark Blue**



BRAIN-friendly tip: Develop your personal

about final 's'

'handsignal' to remind students

Unit 3 'To go' and 'To like'. Present Simple. (Dark Blue) Similar to Unit 2, but with one irregular verb (to go) and one typical regular verb (to like).

Point out 3rd person singular - 's'

- Side A go go goes go go / like like like like like
- Side B

Exercise 3

- Exercise 1 go / go / go / go
- Exercise 2 like / Do like don't / likes do / like / like don't
- Exercise 3 do go / Do go don't / doesn't go goes / Do go don't / do go / don't like do / Does like / like don't like **Dark Blue**

Unit 4 'My day' - Present Simple (Dark Blue)

Tell the story (or elicit it from students). Use it as the basis for 'Does he...?' 'What time does he...?' 'Where/How does he...?' questions. Students can practise in pairs. When this pattern (and the vocabulary) is well established, one student (or one partner in the pair) becomes 'Duncan' and the other asks "Do you...?" "What time do you...?" "Where/How do you...?" questions based on the pictures. When that is established, move to 'real life' question and answer practice.

Exercise 1 On school days Duncan **Dark Blue** wakes up at 6.30. He has a wash. After that he gets dressed, and at 7.30 he has breakfast. He usually has cornflakes, bread and tea. He goes to school by bike and arrives at school at 8.45. He has lessons in the morning 'til lunch time. Lunch time at school is from 12.30 to 1.30. In the afternoons he has more lessons or plays sport. He normally arrives home (gets home) at half past four. Mum, Dad and Duncan Dark Blue have dinner at 8 pm. In the evenings Duncan does his homework, or watches TV, or meets his friends. They talk about their plans for the weekend.

Exercise 2	No. He has a wash.
	He usually has cornflakes, bread, and tea.
	He goes by bike.
	He has lunch at school.
	The journey (It) takes half an hour.
	They have dinner at 8 p.m.

"I usually get up ... " etc.



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Unit 5 'What is she doing?' - Present Continuous (Light Blue)

Exercise 1.1. He's watching TV. 2. She's taking the dog for a walk.

- 3. He's riding his bike. 4. He's driving a car.
- 5. They're playing basketball. 6. She's shopping.
- 7. He's cleaning shoes. 8. He's making a phone call.
- 9. They're talking. 10. He's sleeping. 11. He's swimming.
- 12. He's writing. 13. She's reading. 14. He's cutting the grass.
- 15. He's having a shower. 16. He's cooking.
- 17. He's climbing a mountain. 18. They're dancing.
- 19. He's singing. 20. He's getting on a bus.
- 21. He's getting off a bus. 22. She's listening to a cassette (walkman).
- 23. She's using a computer. 24. He's having a drink.
- 25. He's shouting. 26. He's crying.
- The verbs which are not illustrated: fight jog paint smoke

Unit 6 'Usually, but.....' (Light Blue)

Comparing Present Simple (Dark Blue) and Present Continuous

Exercise 1

Dagmar:nurse wears helps worksNo. She isn't. She's playing tennisDuncan:is goes works readsWhat is he doing? He is shopping.Mrs. Blue:is a teacherworks teachesShe's on holiday (in a disco)What is she doing? She is dancing.

Exercise 2

For example: I learn English, I have lessons, I talk to my friends **(Dark Blue)** I'm learning English, I'm writing, I'm sitting on a chair **(Light Blue)** BRAIN-friendly tip: Use thick dark and light blue pens to write master sentences on big posters. Keep them as 'peripherals'.

TEACHING NOTES –



I paint lots of houses every year



I'm painting my kitchen light blue



Unit 7 Bill Brown's holiday - Past Simple (Brown)

Exercise 1. I went shopping on Monday. I went skiing on Tuesday. I went dancing on Wednesday. I went fishing on Thursday. I went horse riding on Friday. I went hiking on Saturday.



BRAIN-friendly tip:

holidays.

Individuals take turns to tell or mime 3 things from their

Exercise 2. I stayed at the Sunny Hotel. I had (ate) some nice food. I went (rode) on a giant switchback. I played tennis. I bought some presents. I took some photos.

Unit 8 Betty's day out - Irregular Past (Brown)

When did Betty wake up? How did she get to the station? What did they do in the evening? etc. Example conversation (Exercise 3)

Q. Where did you go yesterday, Betty?

- A. I went to London.
- Q. Did you go alone?
- A. I went alone but I met a friend in London.
- Q. How did you get to London? Did you drive?
- A. No. I went by train.
- Q. What did you do there?
- A. We had lunch, then we bought some presents, then did some sightseeing.
- Q. Did you do anything interesting in the evening?
- A. Yes. We went to the cinema. Then I got the train and came home.
- Q. Are you very tired after your day out?
- A. Yes, but it was a good day except I lost my umbrella somewhere.

Unit 9 - World traveller - "Will" - Future (Yellow)

Exercise 1. "Where will you be in May?" and other questions, for example, "How will you travel?""Where will you stay?" "What will you see?" "What will you do?" "Who will you meet?"

Exercise 2. She'll meet Eskimos at the North Pole. She'll eat rice in China. Yes. She will. She'll be in Kenya in January. She'll visit London/She'll see the Queen.

NOTE:

Students will eventually meet different ways of expressing the future, e.g. *I'll go. I'm going to meet ber. My boat leaves tomorrow. We're baving dinner together tomorrow.* For simplicity at this stage all FUTURES are YELLOW. When appropriate, explain that one colour (LIGHT BLUE) can sometimes do a job for another, so LIGHT BLUE is working for YELLOW in *We're baving dinner tomorrow.*





TEACHING NOTES

Unit 10 After work - "Going to" - Future (Yellow)

Concept questions: What's Sally doing at the moment? (She's working in an office) What is she going to do at 5pm? Where is she going to have dinner? etc. Exercise 1

He's going to finish at 6 o'clock. He's going to have a drink. He's going to get changed. He's going to drive to town at 7 o' clock. He's going to meet Sally. They're going to have dinner.

Exercise 2 (for example) What's she going to do after work? Is she going to walk to town?

She's going to buy a dress. No. She's going to get the bus.



Exercise 3

Where are you going to have dinner? What are you going to have to eat?

What are you going to wear on your date? Are you going to go home after the restaurant? Where is Sally at the moment? What time are you going to meet her?

BRAIN-friendly tip:

Take lots of objects and several

students take turns to make a

selection. Their group guesses "Have you got a ...?"

bags into class. Individual



In my bag ... - "Have got" (Dark Blue) Unit 11

Exercise 1 After that I've got lunch with the Finance Director. Sorry. I haven't got time to come. I've got too much work.

Exercise 2

She's got three. Yes. She's got a gun. She's got a Russian language book. I've got (for example) a comb, some money, some tissues.

Exercise 3	Exercise 4
He's got spots (measles).	He's got six cousins.
No. He's got a broken arm.	He's got two sisters.
He's got a headache.	No. She's got a dog.
She's got a bad cold.	I've got (for example) one brother, lots of cousins, and a goldfish.

Exercise 5

You've got some cake, a banana, an orange, some yoghurt, a lemon drink - but you haven't got any sandwiches.

Unit 12 Side A	Rainbow grammar revision (Salty Sue) 1-c (Dark Blue) 2-d (Light Blue) 3-a (Brown) 4-b (Yellow) (Bazza) 1-b (Dark Blue) 2-a (Light Blue) 3-e (Brown) 4-c (Yellow)	BRAIN-friendly tip: Have coloured sweets (Smarties) as prizes for correct answers. Also see if students can make their own 'colour family' for different verbs ('to paint', for example).
Side B	Exercise 1 What do you do, Salty Sue? I sold a lot of fish last week, but I didn't se What are you going to do this afternoon?	(Dark Blue) ell much yesterday. (Brown) (Yellow)
	Exercise 2 No. He's playing computer games. Yes. He did. Yes. He plays every Saturday. He's going to play in Russia. Do you often play football? Did you play in the Cup Final ? Is your team playing well this season? Where are you going to play next week?	(Light Blue) (Brown) (Dark Blue) (Yellow) (Dark Blue) (Brown) (Light Blue) (Yellow)

PICTURES OF ENGLISH TENSES - LEVEL 1 1A

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I'm David Dark Blue

-(B)-



I'm Bill Brown

My Uncle Bertie painted

this picture in 1920



I'm Lorna Light Blue



I'm Yolanda Yellow



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The "BIG PICTURE" – 1

1B PICTURES OF ENGLISH TENSES - LEVEL 1

The 'BIG PICTURE' - four "colour families"

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Let's talk to Duncan Dark Blue, Lorna Light Blue, Bill Brown, and Yolanda Yellow

Exercise 1 Duncan Dark Blue

Question	What you do, Duncan Dark Blue?
Duncan	I houses. I'm a painter and decorator. My favourite colour is dark blue.

Lorna Light Blue

Question	What are you doing, Lorna Light Blue?	
Lorna	I'm my kitchen - light blue, of course.	
Bill Brown		
Question	you paint this picture, Bill?	
Bill	No. My uncle, Bertie Brown, painted it in 1920.	

Yolanda Yellow

Question	What to do tomorrow, Yolanda?
Yolanda	I'm my clock yellow.







Now connect these sentences to the right pictures, and underline them in the correct colour.



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PICTURES OF ENGLISH TENSES - LEVEL 1

'To be' 'to have'

Exercise 1 (to be)

I very tired.
Youvery tall.
Hemy boss.
Wegood swimmers.
Theyvery sad.



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Yes. I

Yes. He

No. He

Yes. We

Yes. I do.

No. They

Exercise 2 (to have)

Ia lot of money.
Youbeautiful eyes.
Shespaghetti every day.
Wetoo much work.
Theya nice house.

Exercise 3 (to be)



..... you tired? he tall? your boss thin? you good swimmers? they happy?

Exercise 4 (to have)

youa lot of money? Do Does shebeautiful eyes? ... sheroast beef every day? ... youa lot of work? ...theya nice house?





Yes. She

No. She





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3B PICTURES OF ENGLISH TENSES - LEVEL 1

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'To go' and 'to like'

Exercise 1 (to go)

I to work at 8 o'clock.
Do you often to restaurants?
My brother to school by bike.
We to the cinema every Friday.
They on holiday three times a year.

Exercise 2 (to like)

Exercise 3



I weekends. you horror movies ? She reading. We the same things. They all tea.

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So do I. No. I So I.

But I



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All of these sentences are colour.



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My day – 4/

PICTURES OF ENGLISH TENSES - LEVEL 1 4B

My day

This is Duncan Dark Blue. What does he do on school days?

Exercise 1

Complete the story of Duncan Dark Blue's day. Use these 12 verbs. You will need to use some of them more than once.

have	get (dressed)	play	arrive
do	go	watch	wake up
get	talk	be (is)	meet
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On schooldays Duncan **Dark Blue** *wakes up* at 6.30. He a wash. After that he and at 7.30 he breakfast. He usually cornflakes, bread, and tea. He to school by bike and at school at 8.45. He lessons in the morning 'til lunch time. Lunch time at school is from 12.30 to 1.30. In the afternoons he more lessons or sport. He normally home at half past four. Mum, Dad and Duncan Dark Blue dinner at 8 p.m. In the evenings Duncan his homework, TV or his friends. They about their plans for the weekend.

Exercise 2

Here are some questions. You write the answers.

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What time does Duncan Dark Blue wake up?	He wakes up at 6.30.	and not in
Does he have a shower?		
What does he have for breakfast?		0630 \$
How does he go to school?		
Where does he have lunch?		
How long does the journey take?		E
When do the family have dinner?		
Exercise 3 Let's change to questions about YOUR day. Write the answers.		
What time do you usually get up?		
What do you normally have for breakfast?		
Do you usually have lunch at home?		
What do you do in the mornings?		

Exercise 4

Write 3 more questions so that you can interview a friend.



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Underline six sentences of	n this page	in Dark i	Blue.
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5B PICTURES OF ENGLISH TENSES - LEVEL 1

'What are you doing?'

Lorna **Light Blue** has a very big family. They are very active! What are they doing at the moment?

	am I	-
What	is he (she / it)	doing?
	are you (we / they)	



Exercise 1

What are you doing?' –

Here are 30 verbs. 26 of them are illustrated on the picture page. Fill in the picture titles. Which 4 are not illustrated? Draw your own pictures for them!

climb; talk; get (on); cry; clean; drive; sing; cook; fight; play; cut; take (for a walk); sleep; paint; smoke; have (food or a drink); have (a bath or shower); shout; make (a phone call); watch; swim; use; listen; jog; shop; dance; get (off); ride; write; read



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6B PICTURES OF ENGLISH TENSES - LEVEL 1

'Usually, but.....'

Exercise 1

Danny Dark Blue is a fireman. What does he usually do? He usually wears a uniform. He usually drives a fire engine. He usually fights fires. But today he is on holiday in **Light Blue** land. He isn't wearing his uniform. He's sitting by a swimming pool.

Dagmar **Dark Blue** is a She usually a uniform. She sick people. She in a hospital. But today she isn't in the hospital. She is on holiday in Light Blue land. What is she doing?

Duncan **Dark Blue** a student. He to school five days a week. He usually hard at school. He a lot of books. Is he at school at the moment? No. He's on holiday in Light Blue land. What is he doing? He

Mrs. Blue	She	in a school. She	English.
		here is she at the moment?	0
Is she teaching? Is she working?			
	0	She	

Exercise 2

It's a working day today. Tell me three things that **you** usually do on a working day. (**Dark Blue** things)

i) Ι..... ii) Ι..... iii) I

And what are you doing at the moment? (Light Blue things)

- i) Ι..... ii) Ι.....
- iii) I



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PICTURES OF ENGLISH TENSES - LEVEL 1

Bill's holiday

Exercise 1

Let's ask Bill Brown some questions. Did you have a good holiday, Bill?

Yes. Last week I went camping on Sunday.

I went on Monday.

...... Tuesday.

...... Wednesday. Thursday.

...... Friday.

...... Saturday.





swimming: fishing: climbing: hiking: camping: dancing: jogging: skiing: horse riding: shopping: skate boarding.

Bill didn't do 3 of the things in the box. Which 3 things didn't he do?

He	didn't go
He	didn't
Не	



Exercise 2

Did you do anything else on holiday, Bill? Yes. i) I stayed at the Sunny Hotel.



ii) I some nice food.iii) I on a giant switchback.

iv) I v) I vi) I



Exercise 3

Bill did a lot of things on bis holiday. Now you write 3 things you did on your last holiday.

i)	
ii)	
iii)	



Underline these 3 things in Brown.

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Bill's holiday – 7B

7B



PICTURES OF ENGLISH TENSES - LEVEL 1

Betty's day out

Betty **Brown** went to London yesterday.

Exercise 1

8B

True or false? Put a tick in the correct column.

Betty had lunch in an Indian restaurant. They went to Trafalgar Square. She forgot to feed the cat. She drove all the way to London. She met a friend at the station. They bought a lot of presents. It was dark when she got home. *Now you write 5 more statements and ask a friend if they are true or false.*



Exercise 2

Make questions in the PAST with these verbs.

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<i>Did she drive to London?</i> drive	forget
read	go
see	say
meet	get
wear	buy

In pairs ask and answer the questions.

Exercise 3

Write a conversation between Betty and a 'nosey neighbour' about her visit to London. The conversation should include 6 questions and answers.

Underline the questions in **Brown**.

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r Draw the 'nosey neighbour'.

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9B PICTURES OF ENGLISH TENSES - LEVEL 1

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World Traveller

Yasmin Yellow is an explorer. Next year she will travel around the world.

Exercise 1

January	Where will you be in January, Yasmin? I'll be in Kenya. What will you see there? I'll see lions.
February	Where will you be in February? I'll be in China. What will you see there?

I'll see the Great Wall.



March	March?	I'll see Spanish dancers.
April	How will you travel in Egypt?	
May		
June		I'll travel by canoe.
July	July?	······
August		
September		
October		beautiful temples.
November		
December		I'll lie on the beach and sunbathe.

Exercise 2

Where will she meet Eskimos? What will she eat in China? Will she be in Egypt in April? When will she be in Kenya? What will she do in England?



Underline your answers in Yellow.

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PICTURES OF ENGLISH TENSES - LEVEL 1 10B

After work.

Jim works in a garage. He's a mechanic. He's repairing a car. He's thinking about tonight because he's going to meet Sally tonight. What's the time at the moment? Where is Sally at the moment? What's she doing? What is **she** thinking about?

Exercise 1

Answer these questions.	
What time is Jim going to finish work?	
What's he going to do at 6:30?	
What's he going to do after that?	
When is he going to drive to town?	
What's going to happen at 7:30?	
What are they going to do at 8 o'clock?	

Exercise 2

Now you write 3 more questions - and answers - about Sally's programme, and her plans for the evening.

Q		А	
Q	?	А	
Q	?	А	

Exercise 3

Complete this conversation with Jim.

You

Jim I'm going to wear my best suit.

You

Jim We're going to have a good dinner in an expensive restaurant.

You







Underline all the future sentences in Yellow.

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After work – 10B

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11B PICTURES OF ENGLISH TENSES - LEVEL 1

"In my bag"

The Dark Blue family bave got a lot of things to tell you.

Exercise 1

Let's ask De	bbie Dark Blue about her day today.	A
You	What meetings have you got today, Debbie ?	e e e
Debbie	In the morning I've got an appointment with the Sales Director.	<u> </u>
	After that	6900 is sales Manager
	I haven't got any meetings in the afternoon.	1230 Finance Director
You	Would you like to come to dinner this evening, Debbie?	1800 MEANY President
Debbie	Sorry. Itime to come.	
	I too much work.	



Exercise 2

Dora Dark Blue has got some things in her suitcase.How many bottles has she got ?Has she got anything dangerous?Has she got anything to read ?

And you? What have you got in **your** bag?

Exercise 3

There are three patients in the doctor's waiting room.What's the matter with the young boy ?Has the man got a broken leg ?Why is the man holding his head ?The lady is looking miserable. Why ?





Exercise 4

How many cousins has Dougal **Dark Blue** got? Has he got any sisters ? Has he got a cat ? Now tell us about **your** family — and other animals!

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Exercise 5

What have I got for lunch ? Have I got any sandwiches today?



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"In my bag

Meet Salty Sue...





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picture 1 -

Can you connect these sentences with the correct picture? What colour are they?

a) Last weekend I sold a lot of fishb) I'm going to sell a lot of fish to the tourists.c) I sell fish at the harbourd) I'm selling some fish at the moment

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4-

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...and Bazza!



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Can you connect these sentences with the right picture. What colour are they?

- a) He's playing computer games at the moment.
- b) He plays football every Saturday.

picture 1 -

c) He's going to play in Russia next week.

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d) He played in the Cup Final last year.

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Rainbow Grammar - 1

Rainbow Grammar

Exercise 1

Here are Sue's answers. What are the questions?

You? (Dark Blue) Sue I sell fish at the harbour.

You Is business good? Sue Well, I a lot last weekend, but I didn't much yesterday. (Brown)

You? (Yellow) Sue This afternoon? I hope I'm going to sell a lot more fish!

Exercise 2

Is Bazza playing football at the No. He	moment? (Light Bl		
Did he play in the Cup Final last year?			
	()	
Does he often play football?			
	()	
What's he going to do next week?			
	()	

Now ask Bazza the questions....









Rainbow Grammar – 12B

You () Yes. I play every Saturday. Bazza You () Bazza Yes I did - and we won! You () Bazza Yes. The team is playing very well this season. You) (Bazza In Russia.





Write the correct sentence under each picture – and underline them in the right colour.

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