

Writing L1WLO5

A Personal Profile

Learning Outcome 5: Write sentences to describe family life, places, hobbies and vacation activities and to describe work and jobs

EXPLORING WRITTEN ENGLISH

LANGUAGE FOR WRITING Using the Simple Present Tense

You use the simple present to give facts and talk about things that are always true about you.

You form affirmative sentences with *be* like this:

I am (I'm) a student at UTAS. I am (I'm) a server at a café. My university campus is very large.

With other verbs, for affirmative sentences with *I* and *we*, you use the base form of the verb.

I live in Muscat. I have two sisters. I like playing football. We always go to the sea on vacation.

A Complete the simple present affirmative sentences with the correct verbs.

1. I _____ in Nizwa with my family.
2. I _____ five sisters and a brother.
3. My town _____ small and quiet.
4. I _____ business and management.
5. I _____ in a shop in the evening.
6. I _____ 20 years old.
7. I _____ playing chess.
8. We usually _____ to Baku in Azerbaijan on vacation.

B Complete the simple present affirmative sentences about yourself.

1. I _____ old.
2. I come from _____ and I live in _____.
3. I have _____.
3. I _____ at UTAS.
4. I study _____.
5. In my free time, I _____.
6. I usually _____ on vacation.

EDITING PRACTICE Checking Capital Letters

You always use a capital letter for the first word of a sentence. You also use capital letters for the names of people, places, days and months, schools, universities and companies. Don't use capital letters for other things, e.g. hobbies or jobs. Check your text to make sure you used capital letters correctly.

C Look at the words from a personal profile. Do they need a capital letter? Check (✓) the words that are correct. Rewrite the other words using capital letters.

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> oman _____ | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> utas _____ |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> family _____ | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> computer science _____ |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> golf _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> august _____ |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> khaled _____ | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> café _____ |

WRITING TASK

GOAL You are going to write sentences on the following topic:

Write about yourself and your family.

PLANNING A Look at the list of things (a–h) people usually include in a personal profile. Put them in order (1–8) according to how important you think they are in a personal profile.

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| a. where you live / where you are from _____ | e. your hobbies _____ |
| b. where you study and what you study _____ | f. where you go on vacation _____ |
| c. your home _____ | g. your name and age _____ |
| d. your family _____ | h. your job _____ |

FIRST DRAFT B Write a first draft of your profile.

EDITING C Now use the questions below to edit your profile.

- ☐ Did you include all the information that people usually include in a personal profile?
- ☐ Did you use the simple present correctly?
- ☐ Did you use capital letters correctly?
- ☐ Did you use vocabulary and grammar correctly?