



LANGUAGE FOCUS

- 1 Look at the sentences that express present habit.
 - a My grandpa loves gardening.
 - b He's always trying to get me to help and I don't want to.
 - c He'll go out into the garden early in the morning and won't come in until dusk.

Which sentence expresses ...?

- 1 my attitude to this habit of his (I find it annoying.)
- 2 a simple fact about him
- 3 characteristic behaviour (This is typical of him.)
- 2 Put sentences **a**–**c** into the past. Express sentence **a** in two ways.
- 3 Look at the sentences.
 - a I used to live in Rome, but now I live in Paris.
 - b I didn't use to like French cheese, but now I love it.
 - c I've lived near the airport for years, so I'm used to the noise.
 - d I'm getting used to travelling on the Metro.

Which sentence(s) express ...?

- · a past state/habit now finished
- · a situation which is familiar, and no longer strange
- · a situation which is still strange, but becoming easier

→ Grammar reference 9.1

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Practice

Characteristic behaviour

1 What adjective describes someone like this? Choose from the box.

easy-going	clumsy	stubborn	absent-minded
mean	argumentative	sensitive	sensible

- 1 He's always losing things or forgetting where he's put things.
- 2 She'll always cry at the end of a sad film.
- 3 Nothing ever upsets her or annoys her, or worries her.
- 4 I'm always dropping things or bumping into things.
- 5 She's ruled by her head, not her heart. She'll always think carefully before she acts.
- 6 He just won't listen to anyone else's suggestions.
- 7 I remember that bloke Dave. He'd never buy you a drink.
- 8 And he'd pick a fight with anyone about anything.
- **2** Add similar sentences to support these statements.
 - 1 My flatmate is the untidiest person in the whole world. She's always leaving her things around the place ...
 - 2 My boyfriend is insanely jealous.
 - 3 Freddy is just the coolest guy I know.
 - 4 My dog Bruno was my best friend.
 - 5 Your problem is you're self-obsessed.
 - 6 My mum really gets on my nerves.
 - 7 But my grandma was so sweet.
 - 8 My grandpa hated all modern technology.

1) 9.3 Listen and compare.