

QUESTION TYPES. HOW OFTEN...?

On a daily basis= every day You can say "every day" but "on a daily basis" is better
Frequently = very often
Occasionally= on some occasions
From time to time = sometimes
Hardly ever = rarely =almost never
Never

Do you often speak in English?... Yes, on a daily basis at school. I have an English class every day, but I must admit we only speak occasionally. We spend more time writing and doing exercise.

You can use these terms every time you describe day-to-day actions or hobbies

▲ Example:

Do you like sports?

Yes, I'm a big sports fan. I frequently play basketball with my friends. I try to go running as often as possible. In addition, I occasionally play badminton with my workmates, but I like team sports better. From time to time, I do push-ups and stomach crunches in order to get stronger.

How do you spend your time with your family ?

Well, we frequently have dinner together. It's a great chance for all of us to talk and catch up. We also like to watch TV or play PlayStation with each other. I occasionally go shopping with my mother, but I must admit I only do it to make her happy. I'm not big on shopping. A few years ago, I used to go running with my Dad on a weekly basis, but I have been busy with my job lately so, I haven't had much time to do so lately.

1. How often do you use a compute ?

On a daily basis. I turn on my computer every morning at work. I work as an accountant so I need a computer to do my job. In addition, I also surf the Internet when I get home. I frequently read the news online and chat with my friends. I occasionally download music or movies. I really use computers a lot for both work and entertainment.

2. How often do you go dancing?

Hardly ever. I don't often go out clubbing, and to tell you the truth, I can't dance. Although some of my friends frequently go dancing, I'm not a big fan of night clubs. It's usually too loud and smoky there. On the other hand, my grandparents get together with their neighbors on a weekly basis to go dancing in the park in my neighborhood.

3. Do you often celebrate festivals in your culture?

Yes, definitely! We have different festivals on almost a monthly basis. The most important is of course the Spring Festival. We celebrate the Uzbek New Year, but we also get together on other occasions, such as Child day Festival, Mid-Autumn Festival, or Tomb Sweeping Day. In Uzbekistan , we frequently organize big dinners for significant events.

4. Do you often play games with your family or friends?

Yes, quite frequently, especially with my friends. We often play cards as well as video games. Occasionally, when we go out to a bar or karaoke, we play dice and we make some simple bets. On the other hand, in my family, we play playstation whenever we get a chance, particularly during the holidays. My father and I enjoy playing chess, but we hardly ever play nowadays, since I have been going to college far away from my hometown.

5. How often do you exercise?

I try to work out as much as possible. Usually I go running twice a week, and I frequently play basketball with my friends. From time to time, my friends invite me to play badminton, and I think it's also a great way to keep fit. In the summer, I really enjoy swimming, and I go to the pool on an almost daily basis during my holiday.

6. How often do you go shopping for things apart from food?

Not that often (= not so often). I'm not a big shopping fan. I find it annoying to go window shopping, wandering in a mall for hours. My friends used to complain about the fact that I never wanted to go shopping with them... but now they've gotten used to it.

Quite frequently! I like going shopping with friends, or with my mother. I think it's a great chance to hang out with the people I like to be with. We often go to a new shopping mall in the city center. There are so many shops and restaurants that we can spend the whole afternoon there. In addition, shopping for clothes is a lot of fun, although I seldom buy the clothes I try on because my budget is a bit tight as a college student.

7. Do you often go to the theater or the cinema?

Not really. I might go to the movies 3 or 4 times a year. On the other hand, I frequently download movies on my computer. It's free and extremely quick. I know that some people frown upon this practice, but we all do this in my college. Going to the cinema is fun, but it's quite expensive nowadays. It costs around 50 yuan per person so I can only afford it occasionally.

8. How often do you get together with your classmates after class?

Quite frequently! At university, we have a lot of freedom, and since we all live together in the same dorm, we have dinner together on a daily basis. After class, I frequently do my homework with my roommates. Occasionally, we go shopping just outside campus. But most of the time, we go for a walk, and talk about, you know, girl stuff.

9. Do you think that young people spend too much time on the Internet?

Yes, definitely! I think that many teenagers are addicted to online games. They are constantly playing on their laptops or their mobile phones. In addition, whenever the teacher gives them a project, they go online to look for an answer, instead of thinking on their own. They frequently read the news online instead of in the newspaper, and they spend an incredible amount of time chatting with their friends on Instant Messenger. I think they depend too much on the Internet.

10. Do you often buy the newspaper?

No, hardly ever, but I read the news online on a daily basis. I guess it's more convenient. I have access to the main headlines in just a click, and actually I have more choices: I can pick any newspaper I want to have a look at, and the articles are always freshly written. On the other hand, I occasionally buy 21st Century, you know, the Chinese newspaper published in English. I get the newspaper because I need more time to read it. It's a bit like doing homework. I circle the new words; I take some notes. Since I spend a lot of time on it, reading on paper is better for my eyesight.

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