

How Often- Trivia Quiz

Present Simple and frequency expressions

Student A

Choose one of the statements on your worksheet. Say that and two false options, and see if your partner can guess the right frequency or not. Your teacher will tell you if you should make it into a question with true and false answers, or just make true and false statements. Most of the numbers on your worksheet are only more or less true, so make sure that you make the wrong answers very different from the true one below.

OR

Choose one of the statements on your worksheet and change it into a “How often...?” question. If your partner is wrong, give them hints like “It’s much more often”, “It’s quite a lot less often” and “It’s a bit more often” until they get the right answer. The answer must be exactly right, but other ways of saying the same thing (e.g. “once every two weeks” instead of “twice a month”) is fine.

- Most chickens lay eggs once a day.
- You should water a cactus once a week during the summer.
- The sun sets once a year at the North Pole and South Pole.

- You should feed a kitten twice a day.

- You swallow three times an hour when you are asleep.

- London’s Big Ben chimes four times an hour.

- You dream about five times a night.

- A whale’s heart usually beats six times a minute (= once every ten seconds).

- An average dog breathes about twenty times a minute (= once every three seconds).
- People blink about seventeen times a minute.
- A tattoo needle goes in and out about a hundred times a second.

- You should change your toothbrush once every four months.
- Americans check their smartphones once every ten minutes.
- The International Space Station goes around the world once every ninety minutes.

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Which numbers take -ce and which numbers need “times”?

What kinds of frequency expressions need “every” instead of “a”? Why?

Student B

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- The British Prime Minister meets the Queen once a week.
- YouTube pays vloggers once a month.
- You should replace your fire alarm batteries once a year.

- You can visit a British prisoner twice a month.

- You can milk a cow three times a day.

- You should wash your dog at least four times a year.

- Muslims pray five times a day.

- The actor and wrestler Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson works out six times a week.

- Woodpeckers peck trees up to twenty times a second.
- Hummingbirds move their wings up to eighty times a second.
- A clock’s two hands are in the same place twenty two times a day.

- You should cut dogs’ nails once every four weeks.
- They paint the Eiffel Tower once every seven years.
- The Heathrow Express train leaves for central London once every thirty minutes.
- The average British person moves home once every twenty three years.

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