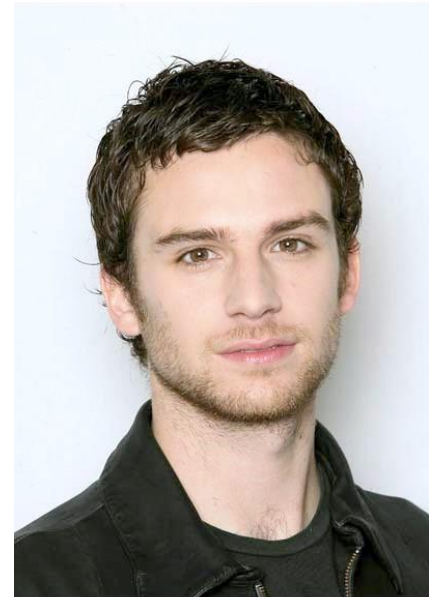# The Present Simple Tense

Adverbs of Frequency

This is Darren.

He lives in London.

He is a writer.

He works at home.

His books are not bestsellers,

so he is not very rich.

He works a lot, and in his free time he listens to classical music and reads books.

Darren likes dogs,
but doesn't have a pet.

He watches football, but has no friend to discuss matches and goals.

His flat is lovely, but very expensive. That's why he needs a roommate.

So one day he goes to
www.findaroommate.com and sees Tim.

Tim is a perfect
roommate!

Just look at his ad:

"Hi! I'm Tim. I'm looking for a flat.

I'm a good guy, friendly and honest.

I cook and clean.

In my free time I listen to music or watch football.

I have a dog, but don't worry – he is very nice and I walk him myself, no problems!"

Now Tim is Darren's roommate. They have a contract for 12 months.

IS DARREN HAPPY?

NO, HE ISN'T!!!!!!

why!?

Because it's important to know WHAT people do, but it's very important to know HOW OFTEN people do it.

ADVERBS OF FREQUENCY

always   100%

often

sometimes

usually

rarely

never   0%

I drink coffee.
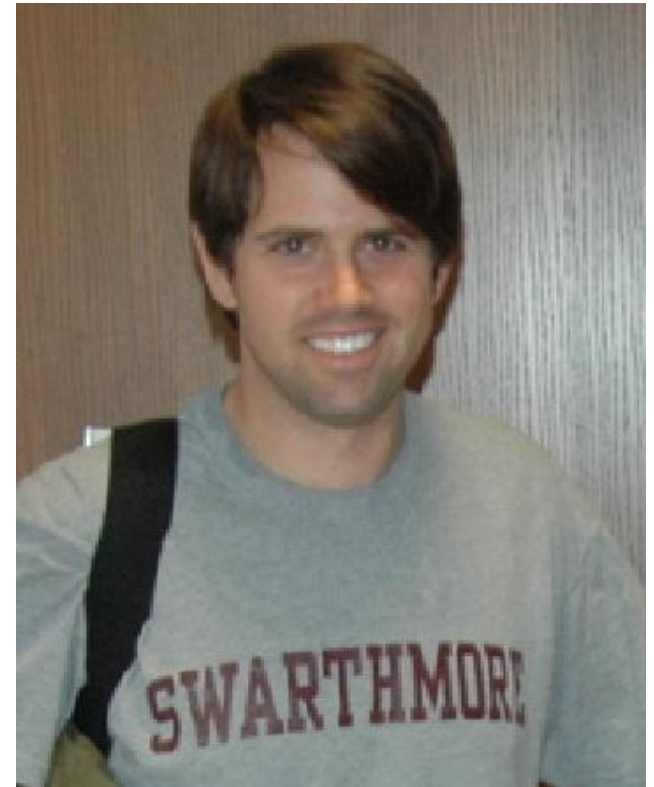
HOW OFTEN DO YOU DRINK COFFEE?

I always drink coffee.
I never drink coffee.
I don't usually drink coffee.
Do you sometimes drink coffee?

ADVERB + VERB

And what about Darren and Tim?

Tim always listens to music.
Rap-music…
Day and night…

So Darren can not write his book now.

Tim **often** meets with his friends…

in Darren's flat.

Tim usually watches football,

when Darren tries to sleep.

Tim
sometimes cooks,

but he **never** washes the dishes.

He rarely pays for the flat,

because he always has problems with money.

And Tim never walks his dog!

Darren always
does it!!!

Darren is very unhappy.

He made a big mistake.

REMEMBER!

Adverbs of frequency are important.
They can change your life!

often

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rarely