A2 grammar

No longer, any longer & anymore

Talk about habits, situations and feelings that have changed.

“I used to drink coffee. Now I don’t.”
→ I don’t drink coffee anymore.

Meaning first. Then choose the correct form and position.

Today’s target

By the end, you can describe something that was true before but is not true now.

You will learn to…

1. recognise the shared meaning
2. place each expression correctly
3. avoid “anymore / any more” mistakes
4. use them naturally in speaking and writing

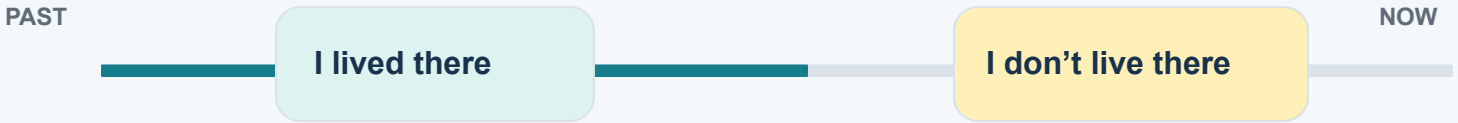
Big question

Was it true in the past?
Is it false now?

If yes, one of today’s expressions may fit.

One shared meaning

All three expressions refer to a change from the past to now.



I don’t live there anymore.

= I used to live there, but I don’t now.

Meaning check

Decide: “change from past to now” or “no change”.

Quick check

A	Mia used to play tennis. Now she prefers running.	change / no change
B	We go to school by bus every day.	change / no change
C	My grandparents lived in Seville before. Now they live in Madrid.	change / no change

Tell your partner why.

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No longer

Use it in affirmative grammar. “No longer” itself gives the negative meaning.

Normal verbs

subject + no longer + verb

I no longer eat meat.
She no longer works here.

Place it before the main verb.

Be, modals & questions

We are no longer neighbours.
I can no longer stay.
Do you no longer want it?

After be / a modal. In questions: after the subject.

More formal

No longer: choose the right position

Complete each sentence with “no longer”.

Try it

1 I _____ use Facebook.

2 They are _____ in the same class.

3 We can _____ park here.

4 Does he _____ live in London?

Challenge: correct the mistake: “I don’t no longer live there.”

Say the whole sentence aloud after you complete it.

07

Any longer and anymore

Use them in negative statements and questions. Put them at the end.

Negative statement

I don’t watch TV anymore.
We aren’t friends any longer.

Both mean: not now, like before.

Question

Why don’t you visit us anymore?
Do you work there any longer?

Any longer is slightly more formal.

✓ I don’t play football anymore. **✗ I anymore don’t play football.**

Which ending sounds right?

Choose “any longer” or “anymore”. Both are possible in every item.

Try it

1 I can’t stay here _____.

2 She doesn’t call me _____.

3 Are you two friends _____?

4 Why don’t they come _____?

Extra question

Which form feels more formal?

Use your answer in a full sentence.

Questions: word order

Both styles can make questions. Notice where the expression goes.

Say it

No longer

Do you no longer work here?
Is she no longer angry?

After the subject

Any longer / anymore

Do you work here anymore?
Is she angry any longer?

At the end

Ask a partner: “Do you … anymore?” Choose one habit: games, coffee, social media, sport.

Common mistakes

Read, decide, and repair.

Fix it

A She doesn’t no longer live here.

B I anymore eat chocolate.

C Do you anymore like that band?

D They no longer don’t study French.

Rule to use: one negative idea per sentence.

Anymore or any more?

They look similar, but they have different jobs.

Choose

anymore (one word)

Time: “not now like before”

I don’t eat pizza anymore.

I used to eat it. Now I don’t.

any more (two words)

Quantity: “additional / extra”

Do you want any more pizza?

Do you want an extra piece?

I don’t want _____ cake. Do you want _____ cake?

Grammar duel

Choose the best option. Explain your reason.

Try it

1	I _____ work on Saturdays.	a) no longer b) any more
2	Can I have _____ water?	a) anymore b) any more
3	My brother doesn’t live with us _____.	a) anymore b) no longer
4	We are _____ classmates.	a) no longer b) any longer

Speak: “Then and now”

Interview a partner. Ask follow-up questions.

- a hobby you stopped doing
- a food you stopped eating
- a place you don’t visit now
- something you don’t have now

Useful answers

I no longer …
I don’t … anymore.
I can’t … any longer.

Ask: “Why did that change?”

Aim for three full answers.

Controlled practice

Complete with no longer, any longer, anymore, any more.

Write

1 I don’t need _____ help, thanks.

2 My parents _____ live in the city.

3 We can’t wait here _____.

4 Do you want _____ soup?

5 She is _____ afraid of dogs.

6 Why don’t you text me _____?

Sentence transformation

Keep the meaning. Use the word in brackets.

Rewrite

1 — I used to be a student here, but I’m not now.

2 — He used to call every day, but he doesn’t now.

3 — They used to be neighbours, but they aren’t now.

4 — Do you still go swimming?

Write full sentences, then compare with a partner.

Mini-dialogue

Complete the conversation. Then perform it.

Pair work

A: Do you play basketball _____?

B: No, I _____ play it. I hurt my knee last year.

A: Oh no. Can you run _____?

B: Yes, but I don’t want _____ training today!

Options: no longer · anymore · any longer · any more

Change one detail and make your own version.

Exit ticket

Show what you can do independently.

Write 4 sentences about changes in your life.

- one sentence with no longer
- one sentence with anymore
- one sentence with any more
- one question with any longer

Self-check

□ correct meaning
□ correct position
□ one word / two words?

Finish: swap with a partner and check two sentences.

Answer key: guided practice

Use after students have attempted each activity.

Slide 4

A change
B no change
C change

Slide 6

1 no longer use
2 are no longer
3 can no longer
4 Does he no longer live
Challenge: I no longer live there.

Slides 8, 10 & 11

8 any longer / anymore in all answers
10 A She no longer lives here.
B I don’t eat chocolate anymore.
C Do you like that band anymore?
D They no longer study French.
11 anymore / any more

Answer key: final practice

Compare answers. Alternative correct answers may be possible.

Slide 12

1 a 2 b 3 a 4 a

Slide 14
1 any more 2 no longer 3 any longer / anymore
4 any more 5 no longer 6 any longer / anymore

Slides 15 & 16

15 1 I am no longer a student here.
2 He doesn’t call every day anymore.
3 They are no longer neighbours.
4 Do you go swimming any longer?

16 anymore · no longer · any longer · any more

Lesson source: Test-English, “No longer, any longer, anymore”.