**Tenses Review (Present Simple and Present Continuous)**

Exercise 1. Complete 1-8 with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

1. A shareholder is a person who \_\_owns\_\_\_ (own) shares in a company and therefore \_\_gets\_\_\_ (get) part of the company's profits.
2. The M11 \_\_goes\_\_\_ (go) from Moscow to Saint Petersburg.
3. What time \_\_does the first flight to Sochi leave\_\_\_ (the first flight to Sochi / leave)?
4. Because of frequent car accidents, it \_\_is taking\_\_\_ (take) me much longer to get to the office.
5. I'm afraid Mr. Smith is busy at the moment. He \_\_is having\_\_\_ (have) lunch with the clients.
6. I can give Mary this envelope. I \_\_am seeing\_\_\_ (see) her tomorrow.
7. I will get back to you on this when I \_\_come back\_\_\_ (come back) next week.
8. We \_\_are doing\_\_\_ (do) a new research and hope to get accurate results.

Exercise 2. Write an appropriate question for these answers, using state verbs from the list.

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| Belong | taste | look | own | sound |

1. Q:\_\_\_How do these headphones sound\_\_\_\_?

A: I think so — I can't hear anything wrong with it.

2. Q:\_\_How does she look like\_\_\_?

A:She's short, with blond hair and green eyes.

3. Q:\_\_\_What would you like to taste\_\_\_?

A:Milk. I like neither tea nor coffee.

4. Q:\_\_\_How does this dish taste\_\_\_\_?

A:It's delicious.

5. Q:\_\_\_Who does this car belong\_\_\_?

A:It's mine.

6. Q:\_\_\_Do you own this car\_\_\_?

A:No, it's rental.

Exercise 3. Choose the correct words in *italics*.

1. As a rule, she *catches / is catching* an early morning train.
2. Right now he *designs / is designing* a new brochure.
3. We *stay / are staying* in this hotel for the time being.
4. On the whole I f*ulfill / 'm fulfillin*g all the duties very responsibly.
5. They generally *organize / are organizing* staff meetings once a week.
6. This week a friend of mine *visits / is visiting* me.
7. Once in a while I *help / 'm helping* my father with the bookkeeping.
8. Every autumn we *have / are having* an opportunity for promotion.
9. At the moment I *wait / 'm waiting* for the reply from the supplier.
10. Most of the time I *don't believe / 'm not believing* his words.

Exercise 4. Identify and correct 12 errors.

Alex is considering himself a lucky man. He works as a fashion stylist for one of the TV channels, which is developing rapidly, especially starting this year. Alex loves traveling. At the moment he is working on a project, headed by a French designer, which means he is flying out to Paris about once a month. He already speaks fluent German, and he is learning French. He doesn't meet the other project managers in the office very often, because they are finishing a project for another TV company, but they are all getting on very well and talk 2 or 3 times a week by telephone. Alex also follows a digital design course; he submits coursework by email and attends 2 intensive weeks twice a year in Moscow. Financially, Alex feels independent: right now, he is earning twice what most of his friends are bringing home, and the company is paying for his training course . In many ways, Alex believes he has the ideal job.