**Robin:** I think the waiter (forget) **** us. We (wait) **** here for over half an hour and nobody (take) **** our order yet.   
  
**Michele:** I think you're right. He (walk) **** by us at least twenty times. He probably thinks we (order, already) ****.   
  
**Robin:** Look at that couple over there, they (be, only) **** here for five or ten minutes and they already have their food.   
  
**Michele:** He must realize we (order, not) **** yet! We (sit) **** here for over half an hour staring at him.   
  
**Robin:** I don't know if he (notice, even) **** us. He (run) **** from table to table taking orders and serving food.   
  
**Michele:** That's true, and he (look, not) **** in our direction once.

1.Judy: How long (be) **** in Canada?  
Claude: I (study) **** here for more than three years.  
  
2. I (have) **** the same car for more than ten years. I'm thinking about buying a new one.  
  
3. I (love) **** chocolate since I was a child. You might even call me a "chocoholic."  
  
4. Matt and Sarah (have) **** some difficulties in their relationship lately, so they (go) **** to a marriage counselor. I hope they work everything out.  
  
5. John (work) **** for the government since he graduated from Harvard University. Until recently, he (enjoy) **** his work, but now he is talking about retiring.  
  
6. Lately, I (think) **** about changing my career because I (become) **** dissatisfied with the conditions at my company.  
  
7. I (see) **** Judy for more than five years and during that time I (see) **** many changes in her personality.

1. It (rain) **** all week. I hope it stops by Saturday because I want to go to the beach.   
  
2. Sid: Where is Gary?   
Sarah: He (study, at the library)  for his German test on Wednesday. In fact, he (review)  for the test every day for the last week.   
  
3. You look really great! (You, exercise)  at the fitness center ?   
  
4. Frank, where have you been? We (wait)  for you since 1 PM.   
  
5. Tim: What is that sound?   
Nancy: A car alarm (ring)  somewhere down the street. It (drive)  me crazy - I wish it would stop! It (ring)  for more than twenty minutes.   
  
6. Joseph's English (improve, really) , isn't it? He (watch)  American television programs and (study)  his grammar every day since he first arrived in San Diego. Soon he will be totally fluent.   
  
7. Dan: You look a little tired. (You, get)  enough sleep lately?   
Michelle: Yes, I (sleep)  relatively well. I just look tired because I (feel)  a little sick for the last week.   
Dan: I hope you feel better soon.   
Michelle: Thanks. I (take, currently)  some medicine, so I should feel better in a couple of days.

Mr. Smith: So tell me a little bit about yourself, Mr. Harris. I would like to find out a little bit more about your background.   
  
Mr. Harris: I (work)  in the insurance industry for over ten years. I worked for Met Life for six years and World Insurance for four and a half. During that time, I heard many good things about Hollings Life Insurance and that's why I (apply)  for the new sales position.   
  
Mr. Smith: Tell me a little about your hobbies and interests.   
  
Mr. Harris: In my spare time, I hike in the mountains outside of town, volunteer at the Sierra Club and play tennis. In fact, I (compete)  in a tennis tournament this weekend.   
  
Mr. Smith: Really, how long (you, play)  tennis ?   
  
Mr. Harris: I (play)  since high school. I love the sport.   
  
Mr. Smith: Great! We like dedication here at Hollings Life. You mentioned you volunteer at the Sierra Club. I (work, currently)  with them on the sea turtle project. We (try)  to create a wildlife sanctuary near the bay.   
  
Mr. Harris: Do you know Frank Harris? He's my brother. He (work, presently)  on the same project.   
  
Mr. Smith: I know Frank quite well. Any brother of Frank's would be a welcome addition to Hollings Life. Just one more thing, we (look)  for somebody who is fluent in Spanish; many of our clients are from Mexico.   
  
Mr. Harris: No problem. I (study)  Spanish since elementary school.   
  
Mr. Smith: Sounds like you are the perfect candidate.

My English is really getting better. I (try)  to learn the language since 1985, but only recently have I been able to make some real progress. By the time I started high school in 1988, I (study)  the language for almost three years; however, I was only able to introduce myself and utter a few memorized sentences. For a couple more years, I (struggle)  through grammar and vocabulary lessons, which made absolutely no difference. Nothing worked, so I decided to study abroad.   
  
I found an exchange program in England that sounded like the perfect answer. I (stay)  with a host family for one month. It was a huge disappointment! I (sit)  there the whole time staring at the host mother and father hoping that there would be some breakthrough. Nothing.   
  
When I returned, I mentioned to a friend that I (have)  problems with the language for years. He recommended that I spend a year in an English speaking country. I decided to go abroad again. I (research)  exchange programs for a couple of weeks and finally decided on a school in the United States.   
  
Well, it worked. I (live)  and (study)  in the U.S. for more than two years. I (stay)  here for at least another year before I return home. By then, I should be completely fluent.

a. Look, I (have)  two tickets for the circus.  
b. Look, I (hold)  two tickets for the circus.  
  
a. We (be)  there for more than half an hour by the time the show began.  
b. We (wait)  there for more than half an hour by the time the show began.  
  
a. Sam (sit)  in the seat next to me when the clown threw a bucket of water at me.  
b. Sam (be)  in the seat next to me when the clown threw a bucket of water at me.  
  
a. One clown was juggling while he (balance)  a glass of wine on his head.  
b. One clown was juggling while he (have)  a glass of wine on his head.  
  
a. I (love)  the circus ever since I was a child.  
b. I (go)  to the circus ever since I was a child.  
  
a. Right now, I (see)  two elephants doing tricks in the ring.  
b. Right now, I (look)  at two elephants doing tricks in the ring.