



## Exercise 1

### Present Tense

Choose the correct form of the verb in *simple present tense*.

**Example:** I / You / We / They (cook) cook.

**Example:** He / She / It (cook) cooks.

- 1) I ( cook / cooks ) on Monday.
- 2) You ( cook / cooks ) on Tuesday.
- 3) We ( cook / cooks ) on Wednesday.
- 4) They ( cook / cooks ) on Thursday.
- 5) He ( cook / cooks ) on Friday.
- 6) She ( cook / cooks ) on Saturday.
- 7) It ( cook / cooks ) on Sunday.



## Exercise 2

### Present Tense

Choose the correct form of the verb in *simple present tense*.

**Example:** I / You / We / They (wash) wash the car on Monday.

**Example:** He / She / It (wash) washes the car on Tuesday.

- 1) I ( wash / washes ) the car on Monday.
- 2) You ( wash / washes ) the car on Tuesday.
- 3) We ( wash / washes ) the car on Wednesday.
- 4) They ( wash / washes ) the car on Thursday.
- 5) He ( wash / washes ) the car on Friday.
- 6) She ( wash / washes ) the car on Saturday.
- 7) It ( wash / washes ) the car on Sunday.





## Exercise 3

### Present Tense

Choose the correct form of the verb in simple present tense.

**Example:** I / You / We / They (study) study English on Monday.

**Example:** He / She / It (study) studies English on Tuesday.

- 1) I (study / studies) English on Monday.
- 2) You (study / studies) English on Tuesday.
- 3) We (study / studies) English on Wednesday.
- 4) They (study / studies) English on Thursday.
- 5) He (study / studies) English on Friday.
- 6) She (study / studies) English on Saturday.
- 7) It (study / studies) English on Sunday.





## Exercise 4

### Present Tense

Choose the correct form of the verb in simple present tense. Use what you have learned in exercises 1, 2, and 3.

**Example:** I / You / We / They (cook) cook.

**Example:** He / She / It (cook) cooks.

**Example:** I / You / We / They (wash) wash the car on Monday.

**Example:** He / She / It (wash) washes the car on Tuesday.

**Example:** I / You / We / They (study) study English on Monday.

**Example:** He / She / It (study) studies English on Tuesday.

1) They (study / studies) English on Tuesday.

2) He (cook / cooks) on Tuesday.

3) I (wash / washes) the car on Wednesday.

4) We (cook / cooks) on Sunday.

5) You (wash / washes) the car on Friday.

6) She (wash / washes) the car on Saturday.

7) We (study / studies) English on Sunday.

8) It (cook / cooks) on Thursday.

9) He (study / studies) English on Friday.

10) You (wash / washes) the car on Thursday.

11) They (cook / cooks) on Wednesday.

12) She (study / studies) English on Thursday.





## Exercise 5

### Present Tense

Choose the correct form of the verb in simple present tense.

**Note:** In this exercise, nouns (*Tom, Amy, Daniel, etc.*) are used in place of pronouns (*I / You / We / They / He / She / It*). So, it is a good idea to think about which pronoun you could use instead of each noun. After you know what pronoun replaces the noun, use what you have learned in exercises 1, 2, 3, and 4 to conjugate the verbs correctly.

**Example:** Tom and I → We (cook) cook on Tuesday.

**Example:** Tom and Amy → They (cook) cook on Tuesday

**Example:** Tom → He (cook) cooks on Tuesday

**Example:** Amy → She (cook) cooks on Tuesday

- 1) Tom and Amy (cook / cooks) on Wednesday.
- 2) Daniel and I (cook / cooks) on Tuesday.
- 3) Herbert (cook / cooks) on Sunday.
- 4) Carlos and Peter (wash / washes) the car on Friday.
- 5) Jovita (wash / washes) the car on Saturday.
- 6) Ko, Uri, and I (study / studies) English on Monday.
- 7) The students (study / studies) English on Thursday.
- 8) Randy (study / studies) English on Friday.
- 9) I (wash / washes) the car on Thursday.
- 10) Mack (wash / washes) the car on Monday.
- 11) Natasha (study / studies) English on Thursday.
- 12) **Rachel:** Hi, Nina. Can I help you?



**Nina:** Yes. You (wash / washes) the car, and I will cook dinner.

**Rachel:** Okay. Good plan!



## Exercise 6

### Present Tense

Choose the correct form of the verb in simple present tense.

- 1) Monica (eat) \_\_\_\_\_ eggs.
- 2) Teddy and Monica (eat) \_\_\_\_\_ eggs.
- 3) Mickie (study) \_\_\_\_\_ English every day.
- 4) Arthur and Jason (study) \_\_\_\_\_ English on Monday and Tuesday.
- 5) Angie and I (drink) \_\_\_\_\_ coffee.
- 6) Eva (like) \_\_\_\_\_ chocolate.
- 7) Dustin (watch) \_\_\_\_\_ movies.
- 8) Yoko (play) \_\_\_\_\_ the piano.
- 9) The students (take) \_\_\_\_\_ tests.
- 10) It (rain) \_\_\_\_\_ here a lot.



## Exercise 7

### Present Tense

Choose the correct form of the verb in simple present tense.

- 1) Dennis (cook) \_\_\_\_\_ on Wednesday.
- 2) Mariella and I (cook) \_\_\_\_\_ on Tuesday.
- 3) Spencer (wash) \_\_\_\_\_ his car on Sunday.
- 4) Tammy and I (wash) \_\_\_\_\_ our car on Monday.
- 5) You (study) \_\_\_\_\_ science on Thursday.
- 6) Thomas (study) \_\_\_\_\_ math on Friday.
- 7) Rickie (play) \_\_\_\_\_ golf and tennis.
- 8) Justin and I (play) \_\_\_\_\_ basketball and soccer.
- 9) Kim (read) \_\_\_\_\_ fiction novels.
- 10) Richard and David (read) \_\_\_\_\_ the newspaper.





## Exercise 8

### Present Tense

Choose the correct form of the verb in simple present tense.

**Example:** I / You / We / They (play) play the guitar.

**Example:** He / She / It (play) plays the guitar.

- 1) I ( bake / bakes ) cakes.
- 2) You ( work / works ) in an office.
- 3) We ( take / takes ) pictures of birds.
- 4) They ( talk / talks ) about cars.
- 5) He ( think / thinks ) about school.
- 6) She ( play / plays ) soccer.
- 7) It ( rain / rains ) here a lot.
- 8) I ( like / likes ) chocolate.
- 9) He ( like / likes ) chocolate.
- 10) You ( watch / watches ) movies.
- 11) She ( watch / watches ) movies.
- 12) The babies ( cry / cries ) every night.
- 13) The baby (cry / cries) every night.
- 14) I ( fly / flies ) to Belize every year.
- 15) My father ( fly / flies ) to Belize every year.





## Exercise 9

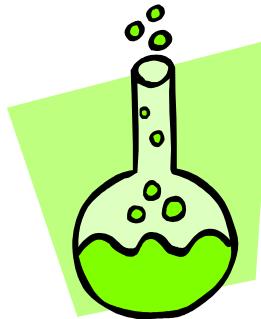
### Present Tense

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in simple present tense.

**Example:** I (play) play the guitar.

**Example:** Jessica (play) plays the guitar.

- 1) I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ sixteen years old.
- 2) Tommy (live) \_\_\_\_\_ at 107 Pine Lane.
- 3) Juana (cook) \_\_\_\_\_ dinner for her family.
- 4) They (eat) \_\_\_\_\_ lunch at 12:00.
- 5) Nina (take) \_\_\_\_\_ medicine when she is sick.
- 6) I (like) \_\_\_\_\_ chocolate.
- 7) He (drive) \_\_\_\_\_ a nice car.
- 8) We (want) \_\_\_\_\_ to see a movie tonight.
- 9) Mr. Anderson (teach) \_\_\_\_\_ chemistry at Hill High School.
- 10) They (study) \_\_\_\_\_ English at school.
- 11) I (want) \_\_\_\_\_ to go home now.
- 12) Bill and Calicia (drive) \_\_\_\_\_ to the mountains every year. every year.
- 13) We (eat) \_\_\_\_\_ pasta once a week.
- 14) It (snow) \_\_\_\_\_ here in December.
- 15) When Dax (take) \_\_\_\_\_ a shower, he (wash) \_\_\_\_\_ his hair with shampoo.





## Exercise 10

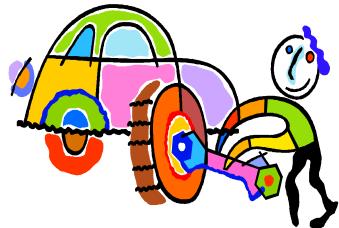
### Present Tense

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in simple present tense.

**Example:** I/You/We/They (play) play the guitar.

**Example:** He/She/It (play) plays the guitar.

- 1) Mary (be) \_\_\_\_\_ twenty-nine years old.
- 2) We (like) \_\_\_\_\_ to eat fruit. It (taste) \_\_\_\_\_ good.
- 3) The football team never (score) \_\_\_\_\_. It (lose) \_\_\_\_\_ all the time.
- 4) Roberta and Betty always (talk) \_\_\_\_\_ to each other on the phone.
- 5) Jose and I (study) \_\_\_\_\_ chemistry together.
- 6) The car (have) \_\_\_\_\_ a flat tire.
- 7) You never (make) \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast for me. I always (have) \_\_\_\_\_ to make it myself.
- 8) The mechanic (fix) \_\_\_\_\_ my car when it breaks down.
- 9) Tom rarely (fly) \_\_\_\_\_. He usually (drive) \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10) I usually (watch) \_\_\_\_\_ TV, but tonight I (think) \_\_\_\_\_ I will read a book.
- 11) Igor (call) \_\_\_\_\_ his mother on the phone every day.
- 12) When he (be) \_\_\_\_\_ alone at night, Beto sometimes (get) \_\_\_\_\_ scared.
- 13) I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ tired. I (think) \_\_\_\_\_ I am going to take a nap.
- 14) Cakes (be) \_\_\_\_\_ hard to make. They (require) \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of work.
- 15) Joel (like) \_\_\_\_\_ to play soccer. He (practice) \_\_\_\_\_ every day.





## Exercise 11

### Present Tense

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in simple present tense.

#### Affirmative (+):

Example: He (play) plays the guitar.

#### Negative (-):

He (not, play) does not play the guitar.

- 1) I rarely (eat) \_\_\_\_\_ chocolate. I (not, like) \_\_\_\_\_ the way it (taste) \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) We (like) \_\_\_\_\_ to watch movies. My favorite movie (be) \_\_\_\_\_ *Titanic*.
- 3) The ocean (sound) \_\_\_\_\_ like an airplane.
- 4) The flag (blow) \_\_\_\_\_ in the wind every day. It is getting old. It (need) \_\_\_\_\_ to be replaced soon.
- 5) The janitor at my school (empty) \_\_\_\_\_ the trash on Sunday.
- 6) Angelica always (try) \_\_\_\_\_ to make new friends.
- 7) James (run) \_\_\_\_\_ two miles every day.
- 8) Elizabeth often (march) \_\_\_\_\_ with the band.
- 9) John and I (open) \_\_\_\_\_ presents at Christmas.
- 10) When there is a fire, the firemen (rush) \_\_\_\_\_ to put it out. After the fire (be) \_\_\_\_\_ out, they (go) \_\_\_\_\_ home.
- 11) I (be, not) \_\_\_\_\_ tired. I (think) \_\_\_\_\_ I will read a book.
- 12) Shelley (not, think) \_\_\_\_\_ this quiz is hard. But I (do) \_\_\_\_\_!





## Exercise 12

### Present Tense

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in simple present tense.

**Example:** I (play) play the guitar.

**Example:** Jessica (play) plays the guitar.

**Example:** He (not, play) does not play the guitar.

- 1) I always (eat) \_\_\_\_\_ vegetables. Carrots (be) \_\_\_\_\_ my favorite.
- 2) Randy (like) \_\_\_\_\_ swimming in the ocean, but he (be) \_\_\_\_\_ afraid of sharks.
- 3) It (be) \_\_\_\_\_ really cold outside, and I (not, have) \_\_\_\_\_ a jacket!
- 4) We (think ) \_\_\_\_\_ it is fun to ride roller coasters.
- 5) Roberto and Kelly (hunt) \_\_\_\_\_ for eggs every Easter.
- 6) The simple present tense (be) \_\_\_\_\_ easy!
- 7) My family (want) \_\_\_\_\_ to visit the pyramids in Egypt.
- 8) Donna (love) \_\_\_\_\_ the summer. She also (like) \_\_\_\_\_ winter.
- 9) Liz and Tommy (travel) \_\_\_\_\_ to the coast every year.
- 10) The baby (cry) \_\_\_\_\_ every time it (want) \_\_\_\_\_ to be fed.
- 11) You (need) \_\_\_\_\_ to exercise in order to stay healthy.
- 12) What time (be) \_\_\_\_\_ Rubiela getting here? She (be) \_\_\_\_\_ late!
- 13) Yoko (win) \_\_\_\_\_ the science contest every year. She (be) \_\_\_\_\_ so smart!
- 14) Ken (be) \_\_\_\_\_ a baker. He (bake) \_\_\_\_\_ cakes and pastries every morning.  
Then he (sell) \_\_\_\_\_ them to his customers. Everybody (love) \_\_\_\_\_ Ken's bakery.





## Exercise 13

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in simple present tense.

**Note:** These sentences use verbs and adverbs. An adverb says something more about the action of a verb.

**Example:** Joseph (always, climb) always climbs trees in his yard.

**Example:** Ernestine (usually, pick) usually picks flowers on Mondays.

- 1) Julia (sometimes, sell) \_\_\_\_\_ lemonade on hot days.
- 2) Thomas (often, play) \_\_\_\_\_ baseball after school.
- 3) My neighbor (never, paint) \_\_\_\_\_ his house; it looks terrible!
- 4) The students (eagerly, leave) \_\_\_\_\_ their classrooms when the bell rings.
- 5) Mrs. Gomez (quickly, water) \_\_\_\_\_ the plants when she (get) \_\_\_\_\_ home at five o'clock.
- 6) Each night, Serena (kindly, help) \_\_\_\_\_ her little sister with geography homework.
- 7) Stuart (happily, play) \_\_\_\_\_ video games with his friends on Saturdays.
- 8) Joan and Nate (patiently, wait) \_\_\_\_\_ for the bus to arrive each day.
- 9) The jazz musicians in our town (frequently, win) \_\_\_\_\_ competitions.
- 10) The merry-go-round (slowly, come) \_\_\_\_\_ to a stop every five minutes.





## Exercise 14

### Simple Present Tense Review

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in simple present tense.

Hi. My name (be) \_\_\_\_\_ Albert. My friends (call) \_\_\_\_\_ me Al. You can call me Al if you (like) \_\_\_\_\_.

I (want) to tell you about a problem I (have) \_\_\_\_\_. It (be, not) \_\_\_\_\_ a big problem, but it is not a small problem, either. I (guess) \_\_\_\_\_ it's somewhere between big and small.

I (have) \_\_\_\_\_ a best friend. His name (be) \_\_\_\_\_ Joe, but everybody (call) \_\_\_\_\_ him Joey. Joey and I have been friends for a long time.



That's the problem. Joey (like) \_\_\_\_\_ to smoke. He (say) \_\_\_\_\_ he (do, not) \_\_\_\_\_, but I (know) \_\_\_\_\_ he (do) \_\_\_\_\_. He (try) \_\_\_\_\_ to hide it from me, but I (see) \_\_\_\_\_ him do it sometimes. When I see him do it, he just (laugh) \_\_\_\_\_ and (walk) \_\_\_\_\_ away.



Now, Joey (smoke) \_\_\_\_\_ every day. When he (come) \_\_\_\_\_ over to my house, he (always, bring) \_\_\_\_\_ his cigarettes with him. He (keep) \_\_\_\_\_ them in his pocket. He (think) \_\_\_\_\_ they are cool. He (not, think) \_\_\_\_\_ it's a bad idea to smoke. He (say) \_\_\_\_\_, "(not, worry) \_\_\_\_\_, Al. I'm okay." He (tell) \_\_\_\_\_ me that I (not, understand) \_\_\_\_\_, but I (think) \_\_\_\_\_ I (do) \_\_\_\_\_.

I (feel) \_\_\_\_\_ like it's his right to smoke. He can do what he (want) \_\_\_\_\_ to do, right? But I can (not, help) \_\_\_\_\_ worrying. He's my best friend.



## Exercise 15

### Present Tense

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in present progressive tense.

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**Example:** I (play) am playing the piano now.

**Example:** You / We / they (play) are playing the piano now.

**Example:** He / She / It (play) \_\_\_\_\_ the piano now.

1) I (play) \_\_\_\_\_ the piano now.

2) You (play) \_\_\_\_\_ the guitar now.

3) We (play) \_\_\_\_\_ violins now.

4) They (play) \_\_\_\_\_ harps now.

5) He (play) \_\_\_\_\_ the trumpet now.

6) She (play) \_\_\_\_\_ the flute now.



7) It (play) \_\_\_\_\_ the drums now.



## Exercise 16

### Present Tense

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in present progressive tense.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Sometimes you must double the last letter in the word before you add "ing". The rule for doubling is: when a one-syllable verb ends with consonant-vowel-consonant, the final consonant is doubled. If the verb is longer than one syllable, the final consonant is doubled only if the stress falls on the last syllable. Exceptions: never double the letters h,w,x,y.

**Example:** I (run) am running now.

**Example:** You / We / They (run) are running now.

**Example:** He / She / It (run) is running now.

**Example:** I (talk) am talking now.

**Example:** You / We / They (talk) are talking now.

**Example:** He / She / It (talk) is talking now.

1) I (run) \_\_\_\_\_ now.

2) I (talk) \_\_\_\_\_ now.

3) You (get) \_\_\_\_\_ hungry now.

4) You (eat) \_\_\_\_\_ now.

5) We (plan) \_\_\_\_\_ the vacation now.

6) They (play) \_\_\_\_\_ the game now.

7) They (stop) \_\_\_\_\_ the game now.

8) He (swim) \_\_\_\_\_ in the pool now.

9) He (sleep) \_\_\_\_\_ in the bed now.

10) She (shop) \_\_\_\_\_ at the mall now.

11) She (eat) \_\_\_\_\_ with her friends now.





## Exercise 17

### Present Tense

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in present progressive tense.

**Note:** In this exercise, nouns (Tom, Amy, Daniel, etc.) are used in place of pronouns (I / You / We / They / He / She / It). So, it is a good idea to think about which pronoun you could use instead of each noun. After you know what pronoun replaces the noun, use what you have learned in exercises 15 and 16 to conjugate the verbs correctly.

**Example:** I (listen) am listening to music now.

**Example:** You / We /they (listen) are listening to music now.

**Example:** He / She / It (listen) is listening to music now.

1) Jason (listen) \_\_\_\_\_ to music now.

2) I (talk) \_\_\_\_\_ now.

3) Erin and Jessica (make) \_\_\_\_\_ a cake right now.



4) Shhh...be quiet! The teacher (speak) \_\_\_\_\_ now!

5) Marcos and I (study) \_\_\_\_\_ English now.

6) Are Daniel and James playing football this year? No, they \_\_\_\_\_ soccer.

7) Emily (eat) \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast now.

8) My car (make) \_\_\_\_\_ strange noises. I need to get it checked out.

9) Mr. Cooper: Hello. May I speak to Andrew?

Bob: No, he (sleep) \_\_\_\_\_ right now. May I take a message?

10) Jennifer: Is Rosa coming to the park with us?

Yoko: No, she (work) \_\_\_\_\_ today.

Jennifer: Oh, poor girl!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



## Exercise 18

### Present Tense

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in present progressive tense.

**Example:** I (buy) am buying groceries now.

**Example:** You / We / They / (buy) are buying groceries now.

**Example:** He / She / It (buy) is buying groceries now.

1) Right now, I (buy) \_\_\_\_\_ groceries. I need eggs, milk, and bread.

2) We (eat) \_\_\_\_\_ dinner. It tastes good.  
Can you pass me the salt, please?

3) He (drink) \_\_\_\_\_ milk. It looks good. It (run)  
\_\_\_\_\_ down his chin. He needs a napkin.



4) Billy (do) \_\_\_\_\_ his homework now. We are going to watch a movie  
when he is finished.

5) All of the children (dance) \_\_\_\_\_ at the party. They (smile)  
\_\_\_\_\_. They (have) \_\_\_\_\_ a good time.

6) Jenny (take) \_\_\_\_\_ pictures of Roman Cathedrals.

7) My car (move) \_\_\_\_\_ down the hill. I forgot to engage the parking  
break. Somebody please help me!

8) Andrea and Alejandro (take) \_\_\_\_\_ a walk. The fresh air feels  
great.

9) Dr. Mason is busy. He (see) \_\_\_\_\_ a patient right now. He will see  
you in twenty minutes.

10) Mr. Henderson and I (talk) \_\_\_\_\_ on the phone. He (tell)  
\_\_\_\_\_ me about his children. They seem nice.



## Exercise 19

### Present Tense

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in present progressive tense.

**Example:** I (listen) am listening to music now.

**Example:** You / We / They (study) are studying English now.

**Example:** He / She / It (take) is taking a shower now.

1) Amy and Alison (take) \_\_\_\_\_ the dog for a walk. Gabriella (comb)  
\_\_\_\_\_ her hair. I (brush) \_\_\_\_\_ my teeth.

2) Tommy and Brian (listen) \_\_\_\_\_ to music. It sounds like rock music.

3) Right now, Mr. Andrews (drive) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ the bus. The bus (move) \_\_\_\_\_  
slowly. I don't mind, though. I am not in a hurry.



4) The band (play) \_\_\_\_\_ a song.

5) Right now, my sister (compete) \_\_\_\_\_ in a  
tennis match. I think she (lose) \_\_\_\_\_. She does not look very happy.

6) We (work) \_\_\_\_\_ in the office until 5:00 today.

7) Be careful! Megan (cook) \_\_\_\_\_, and the oven is hot.

8) Rachel and her friend (come) \_\_\_\_\_ to dinner tonight. They (get)  
\_\_\_\_\_ ready now. They should be here in twenty minutes.

9) Right now, the machines (make) \_\_\_\_\_ car parts. They will be  
finished in two hours.

10) The outdoorsmen (climb) \_\_\_\_\_ Mt. Denali this year. I hope they  
make it to the top!



## Exercise 20

### Present Tense

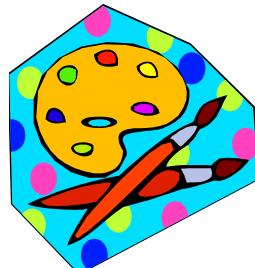
Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in present progressive tense.

**Example:** I (watch) am watching a movie now.

**Example:** You / We / They (play) are playing a game now.

**Example:** He / She / It (eating) is eating a hamburger now.

- 1) Amelia and Abjar (move) \_\_\_\_\_ to California this week.
- 2) The bright lights (flash) \_\_\_\_\_. They (hurt) \_\_\_\_\_ my eyes.
- 3) Right now, you (type) \_\_\_\_\_ on the computer.
- 4) The groundskeeper (mow) \_\_\_\_\_ the grass.
- 5) The computer (process) \_\_\_\_\_ a command.
- 6) Aunt Janet (paint) \_\_\_\_\_ a picture. She is almost finished.
- 7) My dog (jump) \_\_\_\_\_ and wagging its tail. It must be excited.
- 8) The rain (fall) \_\_\_\_\_ very fast now. I think a big storm (come) \_\_\_\_\_ this way. We had better get prepared.
- 9) The old man (smoke) \_\_\_\_\_ his pipe. He (think) \_\_\_\_\_ about his grandchildren.
- 10) Elijah (run) \_\_\_\_\_ in a race. He (try) \_\_\_\_\_ to win. I think he can.





## Exercise 21

### Present Tense

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in present progressive tense.

#### Affirmative (+):

**Example:** I (read) am reading a book now.

**Example:** You / We / They (speak) are speaking English now.

**Example:** He / She / It (run) is running in a race today.

#### Negative (-):

**Example:** I (not, drive) am not driving to work today. I am walking.

**Example:** Marlene and Joseph (not, come) are not coming with me to the movie.

**Example:** Pedro (not, cook) is not cooking dinner tonight.

- 1) Dennis (hike) \_\_\_\_\_ up the mountain right now. He is almost at the top. I bet he (get) \_\_\_\_\_ pretty tired.
- 2) I (tell) \_\_\_\_\_ a bedtime story to my children, but I don't think they (listen) \_\_\_\_\_. Their eyes are closed. I think they (sleep) \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) The comedian (act) \_\_\_\_\_ funny. The audience (laugh) \_\_\_\_\_ at his jokes.
- 4) It (get) \_\_\_\_\_ cold outside and my son (camp) \_\_\_\_\_ high up in the mountains. I hope he (not, freeze) \_\_\_\_\_ up there!
- 5) Eddie (not, write) \_\_\_\_\_ a novel. He (write) \_\_\_\_\_ a poem.
- 6) Uncle Terry and his friend (fish) \_\_\_\_\_ at the lake today. They (not, fish) \_\_\_\_\_ at the beach.
- 7) Beto (sing) \_\_\_\_\_ in the shower. He has a nice voice!
- 8) You (meet) \_\_\_\_\_ the President tonight. He (expect) \_\_\_\_\_ you to talk about the new proposal. Are you ready?





## Exercise 22

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in present progressive tense.

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**Note:** These sentences use verbs and adverbs. An adverb says something more about the action of a verb.

**Example:** Violet (gracefully, dance) is gracefully dancing a ballet.

**Example:** Raul (wisely, check) is wisely checking the oil in his car.

- 1) The breeze (softly, blow) \_\_\_\_\_ on our faces.
- 2) The dog is very hungry. He is (quickly, eat) \_\_\_\_\_ all of his food.
- 3) The chestnut racehorse (already, cross) \_\_\_\_\_ the finish line. Its owner is very happy.
- 4) Jonathan (rarely, exercise) \_\_\_\_\_, now that he is in college.
- 5) Mrs. Stevens (angrily, yell) \_\_\_\_\_ at the man who hit her car.
- 6) Be careful! You (almost, spill) \_\_\_\_\_ the paint.
- 7) The police (abruptly, stop) \_\_\_\_\_ traffic at the intersection.
- 8) Chad (nervously, ask) \_\_\_\_\_ Tina for a date.
- 9) Dr. Wong (calmly, explain) \_\_\_\_\_ the operation to the patient's family.
- 10) The little girl (shyly, talk) \_\_\_\_\_ to Santa Claus. She wants him to bring her a puppy!





## Exercise 23

### Review of the Present Progressive Tense

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in present progressive tense.

Hey! Do you want to hear about what my family (do) \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>(1)</sup> right now? Well, I hope you do, because I am going to tell you!

Right now, my dad (work) \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>(2)</sup> outside. I can see him. He (mow) \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>(3)</sup> the grass. He loves my mother very much. He (always, talk) \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>(4)</sup> about her. He (always, do) \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>(5)</sup> nice things for her. Right now, my dad (sing) \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>(6)</sup> a song. I bet it is a song about my mom.

Now, let's look at my mom. She (cook) \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>(7)</sup> something in the kitchen. It smells so good! She (put) \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>(8)</sup> some kind of spices into the pot. The pot (sit) \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>(9)</sup> on the stove. The water (boil) \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>(10)</sup> inside it. Also, something (bake) \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>(11)</sup> in the oven. It (start) \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>(12)</sup> to turn brown. I think it is a turkey.

I also have two younger brothers. Right now they (play) \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>(13)</sup> with their toys on the floor beside me. They (laugh) \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>(14)</sup> with one another. They (make) \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>(15)</sup> a house out of blocks. The house (get) \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>(16)</sup> taller and taller. Oh no! The house is too tall. Watch out! It (crash) \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>(17)</sup> to the floor!

We are a happy family. I feel lucky to be a part of my family. Hmm...let me guess...you (think) \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>(18)</sup> about your own family now, aren't you?



## Exercise 24

### Present Tense

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in simple present tense or present progressive tense.

**Example:** I (watch) watch a lot of movies. [*simple present tense*]

**Example:** I (watch) am watching a movie now. [*present progressive tense*]

**Example:** You / We / They (play) play games every day. [*simple present tense*]

**Example:** You / We / they (play) are playing a game now. [*present progressive tense*]

**Example:** He / She / It (eat) eats eggs for breakfast. [*simple present tense*]

**Example:** He / She / It (eat) is eating an egg now. [*present progressive tense*]

- 1) Right now I (watch) \_\_\_\_\_ a movie. I (watch) \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of movies.
- 2) Rickie (be) \_\_\_\_\_ my friend. We (like) \_\_\_\_\_ to talk together. Right now we (talk) \_\_\_\_\_ about school.
- 3) The police officer (wear) \_\_\_\_\_ a badge and a gun to work every day.
- 4) Jaime usually (eat) \_\_\_\_\_ cold cereal for breakfast, but today he (eat) \_\_\_\_\_ oatmeal instead.
- 5) Alison and I (study) \_\_\_\_\_ for the exam. We (not, want) \_\_\_\_\_ to fail it!
- 6) Jonas (sing) \_\_\_\_\_ in the band on Saturdays, and Veda (play) \_\_\_\_\_ the guitar.
- 7) My uncle (live) \_\_\_\_\_ in Tennessee. I (live) \_\_\_\_\_ in North Carolina.
- 8) My mom (cook) \_\_\_\_\_ dinner tonight. (You, want) \_\_\_\_\_ to eat with us?
- 9) Tiffany and Mark (travel) \_\_\_\_\_ to Spain. They will stay in Madrid.
- 10) We (read) \_\_\_\_\_ the newspaper every morning.





## Exercise 25

### Present Tense

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in simple present tense or present progressive tense.

**Example:** I (watch) watch a lot of movies. [*simple present tense*]

**Example:** I (watch) am watching a movie now. [*present progressive tense*]

**Example:** You / We / They (play) play games every day. [*simple present tense*]

**Example:** You / We / They (play) are playing a game now. [*present progressive tense*]

**Example:** He / She / It (eat) eats eggs for breakfast. [*simple present tense*]

**Example:** He / She / It (eat) is eating an egg now. [*present progressive tense*]

- 1) Jessie (ride) \_\_\_\_\_ his bike every day. In fact, he (ride) \_\_\_\_\_ his bike right now.
- 2) Arnold and Peter (take) \_\_\_\_\_ a test now. They (take) \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of tests.
- 3) I (want) \_\_\_\_\_ some new shoes. The pair I (have) \_\_\_\_\_ now (get) \_\_\_\_\_ old.
- 4) Tony (be) \_\_\_\_\_ my friend. We (spend) \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of time together.
- 5) What (be) \_\_\_\_\_ your name? Where (be) \_\_\_\_\_ you from? Where (do) \_\_\_\_\_ you live?
- 6) I (no, watch) \_\_\_\_\_ TV now. I (talk) \_\_\_\_\_ on the phone. I (like) \_\_\_\_\_ to talk on the phone.
- 7) Andrea (like) \_\_\_\_\_ to cook. Right now, she (make) \_\_\_\_\_ vegetable soup.
- 8) When (do) \_\_\_\_\_ the bus leave? I hope we (be) \_\_\_\_\_ not too late!
- 9) I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ so thirsty! (you, have) \_\_\_\_\_ anything to drink?
- 10) Thomas (read) \_\_\_\_\_ the newspaper and (drink) \_\_\_\_\_ coffee in the living room. He (no, do) \_\_\_\_\_ have to go to work today.



## Exercise 26

### Review of the Simple Present and Present Progressive Tenses.

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in simple present tense or present progressive tense.

Rachel's Diary – Do Not Touch!!!

September 29, 2010 – My First Day Here



Today (be) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(1)</sup> the first day at my new school. Right now, it is lunch time, and all of the students (eat) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(2)</sup> their lunches. They (sit) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(3)</sup> around the big table in the cafeteria, (talk) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(4)</sup> in small groups. I (sit) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(5)</sup> alone. I (be) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(6)</sup> pretty nervous. I (hope) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(7)</sup> the other students (not, think) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(8)</sup> I am weird. I (write) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(9)</sup> in my diary right now to look like I (have) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(10)</sup> something important to do.

For lunch today, I (have) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(11)</sup> an apple, pretzels, and a tuna fish sandwich. I (hate) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(12)</sup> tuna fish, but my mom (love) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(13)</sup> it. She (say) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(14)</sup> it is good for me. She (pack) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(15)</sup> it for me every day, so I (guess) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(16)</sup> I have to eat it. I (also, have) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(17)</sup> some cookies. At least I (like) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(18)</sup> to eat those.

Hey! The girls at the big table (look) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(19)</sup> at me! What (they, want) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(20)</sup>? They (laugh) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(21)</sup> at something. What (they, laugh) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(22)</sup> at? I hope they (not, laugh) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(23)</sup> at me. I (get) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(24)</sup> nervous again.

Oh my gosh! One of them (come) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(25)</sup> this way! Stay calm, Rachel. She is not going to hurt you. She is just another girl like you, right?

Wait. Now she (hold) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(26)</sup> out her hand to me. Does she (want) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(27)</sup> to be friends? What (she, do) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(28)</sup>? Oh, I know! She (invite) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(29)</sup> me to her table! Maybe I (be, not) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(30)</sup> that weird after all!

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_



## Exercise 27

### Present Tense

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in simple present perfect tense.

**Note:** To form the simple present perfect tense, **has** or **have** is used with a **past participle** (the word that comes after "had") to describe an action that **has happened in the past and may still be happening**. The past participle is often **regular**, and therefore retains its simple past tense spelling, as "visited" does here.

**Example:** I / You / We / they (visit) have visited Argentina before.

**Example:** He / She / It (visit) has visited Argentina before.

- 1) I (visit) \_\_\_\_\_ Australia before.
- 2) You (visit) \_\_\_\_\_ Mexico before.
- 3) We (visit) \_\_\_\_\_ Canada before.
- 4) They (visit) \_\_\_\_\_ China before.
- 5) He (visit) \_\_\_\_\_ Africa before
- 6) She (visit) \_\_\_\_\_ India before.
- 7) It (visit) \_\_\_\_\_ Europe before.



## Exercise 28

### Present Tense

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in simple present perfect tense.

**Note:** All of the past participles used will be **regular**.

**Example:** John (walk) has walked to school since first grade. He is in fifth grade now.

**Example:** The girls (finish) have finished cleaning their rooms. Now they can go shopping.

- 1) Our company (arrive) \_\_\_\_\_ . Please answer the door.
- 2) The ice on the sidewalk (melt) \_\_\_\_\_. I think the sun is out today.
- 3) The McMillans (prepare) \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of food for the party. It looks delicious.
- 4) Tony's flight from New Jersey (land) \_\_\_\_\_. We should see him any minute.
- 5) The bank officers (suggest) \_\_\_\_\_ that the meeting be scheduled for Wednesday morning. I will try to locate a conference room.
- 6) Sparky (taste) \_\_\_\_\_ his new dog food, and he seems to like it.
- 7) The police (arrest) \_\_\_\_\_ two men for the robbery. It is time to question them.
- 8) The medicine (cure) \_\_\_\_\_ William's illness. It seems miraculous.



## Exercise 29

### Present Tense

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in simple present perfect tense.

**Note:** In this exercise, all of the past participles are *irregular*. This means that they have unexpected changes in spelling and pronunciation which are not the same as the simple past forms. You may want to refer to a list of irregular verbs to find irregular past participles.

**Example:** Amy (eat) has eaten lunch already.

**Example:** Amy and Arnold (eat) have eaten lunch already.

- 1) Mark (eat) \_\_\_\_\_ dinner already. He is not hungry.
- 2) Beth (write) \_\_\_\_\_ three letters today. She misses her family.
- 3) Yoko and Armand (take) \_\_\_\_\_ the test. Now they can relax.
- 4) Marty and I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ to Costa Rica three times.  
We are familiar with the culture.
- 5) I (drink) \_\_\_\_\_ six cups of water today.
- 6) Eva (sing) \_\_\_\_\_ in a chorus before. Her voice is pretty.
- 7) Chong-Li (get) \_\_\_\_\_ very good at speaking English. She has practiced a lot.
- 8) Lucy (hide) \_\_\_\_\_ in the woods. Now her friends will try to find her.
- 9) It (be) \_\_\_\_\_ a good week so far.
- 10) You (show) \_\_\_\_\_ that you are a hard worker. Good job!
- 11) Daisy (wear) \_\_\_\_\_ a dress to work every day this week.
- 12) Mr. Lee (drive) \_\_\_\_\_ from Texas to Iowa for the conference. He needs to get some rest before it starts.
- 13) Juan (ride) \_\_\_\_\_ horses since he was a little boy. It is easy for him.
- 14) Mr. and Mrs. Sanchez (become) \_\_\_\_\_ grandparents. Their daughter, Josefina, had a baby yesterday.
- 15) The movie (begin) \_\_\_\_\_. Please be quiet!



## Exercise 30

### Present Tense

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in simple present perfect tense. Then, indicate whether the past participle is *regular* or *irregular*.



**Example:** Ida (look) has looked all morning for her glasses. She still can't find them. (regular / irregular)

**Example:** The wind (blow) has blown our patio furniture away. Let's go get it. (regular / irregular)

- 1) Charity (break) \_\_\_\_\_ her leg on the ski slope. Please dial 911.  
(regular / irregular)
- 2) The city (allow) \_\_\_\_\_ residents to shoot off fireworks each year on the Fourth of July. (regular / irregular)
- 3) The lake (freeze) \_\_\_\_\_ solid. Now we can go skating. (regular / irregular)
- 4) The sun (rise) \_\_\_\_\_. It's time to get up. (regular / irregular)
- 5) The army (battle) \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy for two weeks. The soldiers are exhausted. (regular / irregular)
- 6) The principal (introduce) \_\_\_\_\_ the new teacher. She seems very nice. (regular / irregular)
- 7) Using his telescope, Jeremy (see) \_\_\_\_\_ other galaxies. He writes them on his blog. (regular / irregular)
- 8) The judge (listen) \_\_\_\_\_ to all of the evidence. Now he will make a ruling. (regular / irregular)
- 9) The strawberries (spoil) \_\_\_\_\_. They should have been kept in the refrigerator. (regular / irregular)
- 10) The doctor (write) \_\_\_\_\_ a book about disease prevention. It will be published soon. (regular / irregular)



## Exercise 31

### Present Tense

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in simple present perfect tense.

**Example:** I / You / We / they (visit) have visited Venezuela before.

**Example:** He / She / It (visit) has visited Venezuela before.

**Example:** Susan (run) has run a marathon race before.

**Example:** Paul and his brother (drive) have driven to New England before.

1) I (visit) \_\_\_\_\_ Tennessee before.

2) You (visit) \_\_\_\_\_ Utah before.

3) We (visit) \_\_\_\_\_ North Carolina before.

4) They (visit) \_\_\_\_\_ California before.

5) He (visit) \_\_\_\_\_ Texas before.

6) She (visit) \_\_\_\_\_ New York before.



7) It (visit) \_\_\_\_\_ Colorado before.

8) They (take) \_\_\_\_\_ the test. Now they must wait for their scores.

9) I (eat) \_\_\_\_\_ dinner already. I am not hungry.

10) All of the children (brush) \_\_\_\_\_ their teeth. Now it's time for bed.

11) Andrew (finish) \_\_\_\_\_ his work. He is ready to take a break.

12) Mimi (play) \_\_\_\_\_ golf before.

13) I (see) \_\_\_\_\_ this movie before. I don't want to watch it again.

14) I (wash) \_\_\_\_\_ my clothes. Now I can put them on.

15) You (complete) \_\_\_\_\_ this exercise. Hooray! ☺



## Exercise 32

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in simple present perfect tense.

**Note:** These sentences use verbs and adverbs. An adverb says something more about the action of a verb.

**Example:** Juliet (always, work) has always worked at the library.

**Example:** The six-year-olds (happily, play) have happily played outside for an hour.

- 1) The babysitter (often, cook) \_\_\_\_\_ dinner for the children lately because their parents have been working late.
- 2) Mr. and Mrs. Thompson (never, travel) \_\_\_\_\_ overseas. They like staying closer to home.
- 3) Professor Alvarez (usually, test) \_\_\_\_\_ his biology class twice each semester. Occasionally, though, he gives three tests.
- 4) Tim and Todd (sometimes, play) \_\_\_\_\_ banjos at the festival. We hope they will be able to play there this year.
- 5) In the aftermath of last week's hurricane, the volunteers (willingly, work) \_\_\_\_\_ long hours. Many are exhausted, but refuse to quit.
- 6) The teacher (already, plan) \_\_\_\_\_ a party for her students because she feels that they have worked very hard and deserve to celebrate.
- 7) The florist (quickly, arrange) \_\_\_\_\_ the flowers for the wedding. Now that he is finished, the caterers are bringing in food for the reception.
- 8) Mr. and Mrs. Yang (frequently, travel) \_\_\_\_\_ home to Shanghai since they moved to New York City. They like living near their daughter's family in New York, but miss their old friends back home.





## Exercise 33

### Present Tense

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in simple present perfect tense.

Affirmative (+) :

**Example:** Charles (taste) has tasted Guacamole before.

**Example:** We (visit) have visited China six times.

**Example:** They (already, finish) have already finished their homework.



Negative (-) :

**Example:** We (not, eat) have not eaten dinner yet.

- 1) Mrs. Polanski (know) \_\_\_\_\_ Peter since he was a little boy. She has lived next door to his family for many years.
- 2) After eight hours, Angel and Roberto (arrive) \_\_\_\_\_ in California. They drove there today from New Mexico, and want to go to San Diego tomorrow.
- 3) Nastia (live) \_\_\_\_\_ in Norway for twenty-two years. She enjoys living there. She doesn't mind the cold winters, but she especially likes to spend summer vacations at the North Sea.
- 4) Ariel (be) \_\_\_\_\_ a gymnast for eight years. She (break) \_\_\_\_\_ six bones since she began practicing gymnastics. She likes to get her friends to sign her casts.
- 5) (You, be) \_\_\_\_\_ to Africa before? I (hear) \_\_\_\_\_ it is beautiful there. I would like to go on a safari in Kenya.
- 6) The President (speak) \_\_\_\_\_. His decision is final. Many people don't agree with him, but making hard decisions is part of his job. I would not want that job!
- 7) The letter you sent me (not, arrive) \_\_\_\_\_ yet. I (check) \_\_\_\_\_ my mailbox for it every day. I wonder where it could be.
- 8) I (wait) \_\_\_\_\_ for thirty minutes and my friend (not, come) \_\_\_\_\_. I am a little worried about her, because she is always on time.
- 9) I (visit) \_\_\_\_\_ Spain before. It is a beautiful country. I love the old, southern city of Cádiz, which has wonderful plazas and beaches.



## Exercise 34

### Present Tense

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in present perfect progressive tense.

**Note:** The present perfect progressive tense expresses the idea that something has happened continuously since some time in the past, and is still happening now.

**Example:** I / You / We / They (work) have been working for two hours.

**Example:** He / She / It (work) has been working for two hours.

1) I (write) \_\_\_\_\_ my new book for ten months.

Writing it has taken a lot of hard work and research. Thankfully, it is almost finished.



2) The runners (race) \_\_\_\_\_ since 9:00 in the morning. Now it is 3:00 p.m., and the leaders are about to cross the finish line.

3) The weather has been dreary all week. It (rain) \_\_\_\_\_ since Monday. Hopefully, we will have some sunshine this weekend.

4) Anthony (play) \_\_\_\_\_ soccer his entire life. Soon, he will go to college on a soccer scholarship.

5) The baby (cry) \_\_\_\_\_ all night. He has been doing that every night since he was born. His parents are so tired. They are hoping that his sleeping habits will change soon!

6) Julian and I (try) \_\_\_\_\_ to find jobs for two weeks. We are a little discouraged, but we cannot give up.

7) Mrs. Burk is giving her students an algebra test right now. The students (take) \_\_\_\_\_ the test for thirty-five minutes. They have five minutes until time is up.

8) Ichiro is worried because his keys are lost. He needs to go to work. He (look) \_\_\_\_\_ for them for fifteen minutes. Let's help him.



## Exercise 35

### Present Tense

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in present perfect progressive tense.

#### Affirmative (+)

**Example:** He (wait) has been waiting on the train for two hours.



#### Negative (-)

**Example:** Don't worry. We (not, wait) have not been waiting for you for long.

- 1) The children (play) \_\_\_\_\_ outside all day. They must be getting hungry by now. They need to come inside for dinner.
- 2) This week, we (read) \_\_\_\_\_ selections from the Romantic Period in Literature class. My favorite Romantic authors are Poe and Hawthorne.
- 3) The criminal has not been caught yet. The police (chase) \_\_\_\_\_ him since yesterday.
- 4) Lu Peng (make) \_\_\_\_\_ bread all day. It smells so good! His bakery is next door to our shop. We are taking two loaves of his fresh bread home when we close the shop tonight.
- 5) The construction workers (build) \_\_\_\_\_ that house all winter. They (not, work) \_\_\_\_\_ on it this week, though, because it (rain) \_\_\_\_\_ every day since Monday.
- 6) The roses (not, bloom) \_\_\_\_\_ much lately. We (not, water) \_\_\_\_\_ them enough. The soil is getting dry.
- 7) I (not, sleep) \_\_\_\_\_ very well lately. I think I need to get more exercise during the day. That would help me to feel tired at night.
- 8) Akira (learn) \_\_\_\_\_ about plants in her biology class. She is paying close attention to the lectures. She wants to become a botanist some day.



## Exercise 36

### Present Tense

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in simple present perfect tense or present perfect progressive tense.

#### Simple Present Perfect Tense:

**Example:** Charles (taste) has tasted guacamole before.

**Example:** Edie (not, call) has not called her parents yet.

**Example:** We (already, finish) have already finished our homework.

**Example:** (He, eat) Has he eaten dinner yet?



#### Present Perfect Progressive Tense:

**Example:** He (wait) has been waiting on the bus for an hour.

**Example:** She (not, do) has not been doing very well in school lately.

**Example:** (They, swim) Have they been swimming in the lake?

- 1) We (already, bake) \_\_\_\_\_ the cake. Now, we just have to decorate it with icing. Would you like to help?
- 2) Have you ever been to Italy? I (see) \_\_\_\_\_ pictures of the town of Assisi. Some day, I would like to travel there to see its beautiful churches.
- 3) The voters (elect) \_\_\_\_\_ a new governor. She (make) \_\_\_\_\_ her acceptance speech for the past thirty minutes. I hope she will finish soon!
- 4) The package I sent to Pablo (not, arrive) \_\_\_\_\_ yet. He (call) \_\_\_\_\_ the Post Office every day. I don't know what happened to it.
- 5) The fishermen (not, catch) \_\_\_\_\_ many fish today. A strong wind (blow) \_\_\_\_\_ all day, and they are having trouble with their nets.
- 6) (Edward, receive) \_\_\_\_\_ the money yet? I sent it to him last week.
- 7) Mahmoud and Rickie are dirty. They (play) \_\_\_\_\_ outside all day. It is time for them to come in and take a bath.
- 8) (You, hear) \_\_\_\_\_ the news? There was a terrible earthquake in Haiti! The residents need a lot of help.
- 9) Igor (want) \_\_\_\_\_ to visit Paris for years. He (save) \_\_\_\_\_ his money for a plane ticket. He (almost, save) \_\_\_\_\_ enough.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



## Exercise 37

### Review of the Present Perfect Tense



Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in simple present perfect tense or present perfect progressive tense.

**Mrs. Rogers:** Good afternoon, Mr. Tenny. Thank you for coming to the interview today. I am so glad you could make time to meet.

**Mr. Tenny:** Hello, Mrs. Rogers. It's nice to meet you. I (hear) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(1)</sup> that your company has grown and needs more space.

**Mrs. Rogers:** Yes, that's why we're searching for an architect. May I ask you some questions about your employment history and professional experience? That way, we can both decide whether the job is a good fit for you.

**Mr. Tenny:** Sure.

**Mrs. Rogers:** Okay. On your resume, it says that you (work) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(2)</sup> as an architect for the last eighteen years. Is that right?

**Mr. Tenny:** Yes, that's correct. I (have) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(3)</sup> a lot of experience in the field during those years. It has been a great career for me. I (always, love) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(4)</sup> architecture, ever since I visited the pyramids in Egypt as a young boy.

**Mrs. Rogers:** The pyramids are fascinating. But, I would guess that you have not spent your career designing pyramids.

**Mr. Tenny** (laughing): No! Not at all. I have designed many different types of buildings, both for commercial and private use.

**Mrs. Rogers:** Well, we are looking for someone to design our next office building. We have outgrown the space we have, and need to move ahead on a new building right away. We're thinking about a building around twenty stories tall. (You, have) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(5)</sup> any experience with buildings of that size?

**Mr. Tenny:** Yes. I (design) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(6)</sup> several tall buildings, including a twenty-two-story bank building in Atlanta and a twenty-five-story insurance building in Utah. I also oversaw the construction of two thirty-five-story buildings in Texas. Those were built for an oil refining company.

**Mrs. Rogers:** You certainly have worked with people from a wide range of professions.

**Mr. Tenny:** That's true, and it is part of what makes my work interesting.

**Mrs. Rogers:** That's great. Now, can you please tell me a bit about the project you (work) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(7)</sup> on recently? I understand that you are using a lot of technology in this one.

**Mr. Tenny:** That's right. For the past two months, I (assemble) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(8)</sup> a team to build an energy-efficient, environmentally-friendly building. It will use solar energy. I (spend) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(9)</sup> a lot of my time on this project lately.

**Mrs. Rogers:** Yes, I (hear) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(10)</sup> a lot about your new project. I (read) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(11)</sup> about it in the newspaper for the past few weeks. It sounds exciting.

**Mr. Tenny:** Yes, it is. It will be different than any other building I (work) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(12)</sup> on. Is your company interested in including "green technology" in your new buildings?

**Mrs. Rogers:** Yes, we are--very much so. Our board of directors feels that our buildings should have as little impact on the environment as possible. Also, we are concerned about working conditions. We would like to include a nice outdoor park area with a walking track and picnic tables for our employees.

**Mr. Tenny:** That is wonderful. That (become) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(13)</sup> a trend in new construction for office buildings in the past few years. Employees need exercise. They need to take at least one break from their computer screens every day and get outdoors.

**Mrs. Rogers:** I agree.

**Mr. Tenny:** Is there anything else you would like to know while I am here?

**Mrs. Rogers:** Not at the moment. I think I (get) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(14)</sup> all the information I need for now. Thank you for coming. We will be holding a second series of interviews with the top candidates. Our Vice President of Development, Mr. Ferguson, will be in charge of those. I expect we will be contacting you shortly.

**Mr. Tenny:** Wonderful. I (enjoy) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(15)</sup> our talk. Have a nice day, Mrs. Rogers.

**Mrs. Rogers:** You too, Mr. Tenny.



## Exercise 38

### Present Tense – Cumulative Review

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in *any* aspect of the present tense.

*Ring! Ring!*

**Beto:** Hello.

**Justin:** May I please speak to Beto?

**Beto:** Yes, this is he.

**Justin:** Beto! How (be) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(1)</sup> you? This is Justin.

**Beto:** Ahhh...Justin! I (be) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(2)</sup> fine. How are you?



**Justin:** I'm great, thanks.

**Beto:** That (be) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(3)</sup> good. So, what's up?

**Justin:** Well, I (have) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(4)</sup> a question for you.

**Beto:** Sure.

**Justin:** My motorcycle (be) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(5)</sup> broken. I (try) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(6)</sup> to repair it for days. I (no, know) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(7)</sup> what is wrong with it. I (no, can, fix) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(8)</sup> it.

**Justin:** Have you tried to start it?

**Beto:** Yes, I (try) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(9)</sup> to start it many times, but it just won't work.

The motorcycle is pretty new. I just got it last November.

**Beto:** Hmm. Well, what (happen) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(10)</sup> when you try to start it? What kind of noise does it make?

**Justin:** It (make) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(11)</sup> a strange sound. Then the engine (die) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(12)</sup>.

**Beto:** Okay. (You, stand) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(13)</sup> beside it right now?

**Justin:** Yes.

**Beto:** Okay. There are some things that you need to check. First, you need to inspect the spark plugs.

**Justin:** Hold on. Okay, I (inspect) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(14)</sup> them under a light now.

They look clean.

**Beto:** Okay, that's good. Now, you need to check the oil. It's possible that you don't have enough.

**Justin:** Hold on. Okay, I (check) \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>(15)</sup> the oil right now. It (look) \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>(16)</sup> clean, and the tank is full. I just filled it up last week, so I didn't think that would be the problem.

**Beto:** Okay, that's good. Now you need to test the battery. (You, have) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ <sup>(17)</sup> a battery tester?

**Justin:** Yes, I do. My brother got me one for my birthday.

Let's see...okay, I (use) \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>(18)</sup> it right now. The battery (appear) \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>(19)</sup> to be full of life.

**Beto:** Hmm. That is strange. I (wonder) \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>(20)</sup> what the problem could be!

**Justin:** Yes...very strange. I (not, understand) \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>(21)</sup> it. My brother thinks the motorcycle is trash. He (not, think) \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>(22)</sup> it will ever start again. He (say) \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>(23)</sup> I need to take it to the junkyard.

**Beto:** That's too bad. Well, there (be) \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>(24)</sup> one more thing you can check.

**Justin:** Really?

**Beto:** Yes, but I am sure you (check) \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>(25)</sup> it already. It's probably the first thing you thought of.

**Justin:** Well, what is it?

**Beto:** The gas level.

**Justin:** Wait! I (not, check) \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>(26)</sup> that yet! Hold on! I (check) \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>(27)</sup> the gas level now.

**Beto:** Well, what (do) \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>(28)</sup> it look like?

**Justin:** It (look) \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>(29)</sup> empty! Wow, that (be) \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>(30)</sup> the problem. How embarrassing. I am sorry that I bothered you about this!

**Beto:** That's okay. The same thing (happen) \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>(31)</sup> to me before. You had better go get some gas! Talk you to you later!

**Justin:** Okay, thanks!