

Practice

1 Choose the correct or more suitable verb form in *italics*.

- 1 The Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao *houses / is housing* Spain's largest collection of Modern Art.
- 2 We *try out / are trying out* a new paper supplier at the moment. The old one was too expensive.
- 3 These animals *display / are displaying* a great deal of aggression if disturbed.
- 4 We *currently show / are currently showing* the film 'Mamma Mia' at all Odeon cinemas in the region.
- 5 Quick! Get rid of all the mess! Here *come / are coming* Mum and Dad!
- 6 The weather forecast says there'll be wind from the north-west tonight. That always *brings / is bringing* snow with it at this time of year.
- 7 You *always complain / 're always complaining* and it really gets on my nerves! Why can't you just accept things and relax?
- 8 Swimming *provides / is providing* exercise for more muscle groups than any other physical activity.
- 9 Now you've named your daughter Gemma I *hear / 'm hearing* the name everywhere! It isn't as uncommon as I thought.
- 10 Accessing money was very difficult last year, but banks *become / are becoming* more amenable to lending as the financial situation improves.

2 GRAMMAR IN USE Complete this description of a film, using the correct form of the verbs in brackets, either present simple or present continuous. ▶ 2.36 Listen and check.

The Day after Tomorrow

Climate change? (1)
(you / believe) in it? This film from 2004
(2) (examine) the potential
aftermath of a sudden and catastrophic
global warming.

At the start of the film, the world (3)
..... (generally / get) warmer,
as is the case in reality, but climatologist Jack Hall
(4) (discover) that a huge
chunk of the Antarctic ice sheet has broken off,
and realises the inevitable consequences. At the
same time, his son is with some friends in New
York, where it (5)
(continually / rain), and weather-related disasters
(6) (happen) all over the

world. It soon (7) (become)
clear that the world is about to enter a new ice age.

Implausible, perhaps, but this is above all an action
film, and (8) (not purport)
to inform its viewers about climate change.

Indeed, many of the best scenes in the film
(9) (revolve) around Jack's
attempt to rescue his son from a New York that
(10) (slowly / freeze) over.
The acting is also good, though it's clear that the
actors (11) (continually /
struggle) with stilted dialogue.

The Day after Tomorrow (12)
..... (currently / show) as part of the Roland
Emmerich season at the Academy.



3 Choose one verb from the box for each pair, A and B. Choose the present simple of the verb for one sentence and the present continuous for the other. If there is an adverb in brackets, write it in the correct place.

arrive contradict open rise stay

- 1 A After twenty years, our local cinema again on a Saturday morning for Kids' Club – a morning of cartoons and adventure films.
B The theatre to the public at 6.45, so I'll meet you there then.
- 2 A Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie and are immediately swept away by their minders to the safety of the celebrity enclosure.
B We expect the Royal Family at any moment. Yes, I think they
..... (just) now. I can see the first car in the procession.
- 3 A Stars attending the ceremony (usually) at the Hilton for its luxuriousness and convenience.
B The British contingent at the Hilton this year as it appears to have more secure arrangements in place.
- 4 A Despite the cold winter in many European countries, the milder winter elsewhere underlines the fact that temperatures (generally) year on year.
B During spring temperatures by about a degree every two weeks or so.
- 5 A He (often) the tutor if he's made a different interpretation of the novel; I really admire his confidence.
B I've got so fed up with his behaviour over the last few weeks – he
..... (always) me, even when he knows nothing about the topic!

4 GRAMMAR IN USE Find and correct eight more mistakes with the present simple or the present continuous in this interview. 2.37 Listen and check.

- SARAH Welcome to the programme. This afternoon I ^{'m standing} ~~stand~~ in the middle of the northern Black Forest, Germany, with Rainer Sanger, from Friends of the Forest, a pressure group which is representing people worried about the natural habitat in Europe. Rainer, you're very concerned about this area of the forest. Can you tell us why?
- RAINER Yes. Much of the forest was wiped out in the storms last winter, as you can see. Many of the trees are dead, and more die because of the irreversible damage. We at *Friends of the Forest* believe that the authorities don't do enough right now to restore this beautiful forest to its former state.
- SARAH But they clear the dead trees away today. I saw some men on the way here ...
- RAINER Of course, but they are doing that every year. It's the normal procedure. We need more trees now, but they aren't planting any.
- SARAH I see. But you have approached the authorities about this, I understand.
- RAINER We have tried but they're always making excuses – usually to do with money. It gets more and more frustrating all the time! Each time, they're telling us that they haven't got enough money to restore the forest as quickly as we'd like.
- SARAH But it's not just an excuse, is it? They clearly don't have enough money for everything, and the current situation is quite extraordinary.
- RAINER Of course, we appreciate that, and the point is that actually, we don't ask for much money. We would just like their guidance – we have plenty of volunteers ...