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Simple Present Practice

I. Complete the sentences using the following verbs:

cause(s) connect(s) drink(s) live(s) open(s) ~~speak(s)~~ take(s)

1 Tanya speaks German very well.
2 I don't often ..... coffee.
3 The swimming pool ..... at 7.30 every morning.
4 Bad driving ..... many accidents.
5 My parents ..... in a very small flat.
6 The Olympic Games ..... place every four years.
7 The Panama Canal ..... the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

II. Put the verb into the correct form:

1 Julie doesn't drink (not / drink) tea very often.
2 What time ..... (the banks / close) here?
3 I've got a car, but I ..... (not / use) it much.
4 'Where ..... (Ricardo / come) from?' 'From Cuba.'
5 'What ..... (you / do)?' 'I'm an electrician.'
6 It ..... (take) me an hour to get to work. How long ..... (it / take) you?
7 Look at this sentence. What ..... (this word / mean)?
8 David isn't very fit. He ..... (not / do) any sport.

III. You ask Lisa questions about herself and her family. Write the questions.

1 You know that Lisa plays tennis. You want to know how often. Ask her.
How often do you play tennis ?
2 Perhaps Lisa's sister plays tennis too. You want to know. Ask Lisa.
..... your sister ..... ?
3 You know that Lisa reads a newspaper every day. You want to know which one. Ask her.
..... ?
4 You know that Lisa's brother works. You want to know what he does. Ask Lisa.
..... ?
5 You know that Lisa goes to the cinema a lot. You want to know how often. Ask her.
..... ?
6 You don't know where Lisa's grandparents live. You want to know. Ask Lisa.
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IV. Use the following verbs to complete the sentences. Sometimes you need the negative:

believe eat flow ~~go~~ ~~grow~~ make rise tell translate

1 The earth goes round the sun.
2 Rice doesn't grow in Britain.
3 The sun ..... in the east.
4 Bees ..... honey.
5 Vegetarians ..... meat.
6 An atheist ..... in God.
7 An interpreter ..... from one language into another.
8 Liars are people who ..... the truth.
9 The River Amazon ..... into the Atlantic Ocean.

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