

Exercises

4.1 Put the verb into the correct form, present continuous or present simple.

- Are you hungry? Do you want (you / want) something to eat?
- Don't put the dictionary away. _____ (I / use) it.
- Don't put the dictionary away. _____ (I / need) it.
- Who is that man? What _____ (he / want)?
- Who is that man? Why _____ (he / look) at us?
- Alan says he's 80 years old, but nobody _____ (believe) him.
- She told me her name, but _____ (I / not / remember) it now.
- _____ (I / think) of selling my car. Would you be interested in buying it?
- _____ (I / think) you should sell your car. _____
(you / not / use) it very often.
- Air _____ (consist) mainly of nitrogen and oxygen.

4.2 Use the words in brackets to make sentences. (You should also study Unit 3 before you do this exercise.)

1  (you / not / seem / very happy today) You don't seem very happy today.	2  (what / you / do?) Be quiet! (I / think)
3  (who / this umbrella / belong to?) I have no idea.	4  (the dinner / smell / good)
5  Excuse me. (anybody / sit / there?) No, it's free.	6  (these gloves / not / fit / me) They're too small.

4.3 Are the underlined verbs right or wrong? Correct them where necessary.

- Nicky is thinking of giving up her job. OK _____
- Are you believing in God? _____
- I'm feeling hungry. Is there anything to eat? _____
- This sauce is great. It's tasting really good. _____
- I'm thinking this is your key. Am I right? _____

4.4 Complete the sentences using the most suitable form of **be**. Use **am/is/are being** (continuous) where possible; otherwise use **am/is/are** (simple).

- I can't understand why he's being so selfish. He isn't usually like that.
- Sarah _____ very nice to me at the moment. I wonder why.
- You'll like Sophie when you meet her. She _____ very nice.
- You're usually very patient, so why _____ so unreasonable about waiting ten more minutes?
- Why isn't Steve at work today? _____ ill?