

Choose the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

I haven't decided yet about whether to buy a new car or a second-hand one.

But / ***think about it / I'm thinking about it.***

All right, you try to fix the television! But / ***hope / I'm hoping*** you know what you're doing.

Every year / ***visit / I'm visiting*** Britain to improve my English.

It's time we turned on the central heating. ***It gets / It's getting*** colder every day.

Of course, you're Mary, aren't you! I ***recognise / I am recognising*** you now.

The film of 'War and Peace' is very long. ***It lasts / It is lasting*** over four hours.

I can see from what you say that your mornings are very busy!

But what ***do you do / are you doing*** in the afternoons?

I'm going to buy a new swimming costume. My old one ***doesn't fit / isn't fitting*** any more.

That must be the end of the first part of the performance.

What ***happens / is happening*** now?

What's the matter? Why ***do you look / are you looking*** at me like that?

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- a) I work in this office *all this year / all the time*.
- b) Emerson is *currently / for long* top of the driver's league.
- c) I am not making much money *these days / so far this year*.
- d) The food tastes even worse *now / presently*. You've put too much salt in.
- e) *Normally / previously* we get in touch with customers by post.
- f) Pete was ill but he is getting over his illness *soon / now*.
- g) I'm feeling rather run down *lately / at present*, doctor,
- h) I always stay on duty *since / until* six o'clock.
- i) I'm *often / forever* picking your hairs out of the bath!
- j) Fortunately the baby *now / recently* sleeps all night.

Put each verb in brackets into the present simple or present progressive.

I (hear) _____ that you have been promoted. Congratulations!

British people _____ (drink) more and more wine, apparently.

I hope Sarah will be here soon. I _____ (depend) on her.

Please be quiet, David. You _____ (forever/interrupt).

Hey, you! What _____ (you/think) you're doing?

Could you come here please? I _____ (want) to talk to you now.

Jane is away on holiday so Linda _____ (handle) her work.

To be honest, I _____ (doubt) whether Jim will be here next week.

You've only just started the job, haven't you? How _____ (you/get on)?

Pay no attention to Graham. He _____ (just/be) sarcastic.

Choose the correct form.

a Some kinds of fish *contain* / *are containing* high levels of dangerous metals.

b Scientists nowadays *slowly begin to understand* / *are slowly beginning to understand* more about how the brain works.

c What *do you think* / *are you thinking* of Kate/s new hairstyle? It/s unusual, isn't it?

d Loud music can be really annoying. Some people *don't realize* / *aren't realizing* what a nuisance it can be.

e You can't really have seen a UFO! You *imagine* / *are imagining* things!

f Technicians report that they *have* / *are having* difficulty installing the new computer system.

g No wine for me! *I take* / *I'm taking* antibiotics for an ear infection.

h In career terms, having a good degree *appears* / *is appearing* to make little difference.

The National Theatre *considers* / *is considering* putting on a new production of *Romeo and Juliet*.

Does this wallet belong / *Is this wallet belonging* to you?