

Present Continuous or Simple Present?

Complete the following sentences with words in parentheses. Use the simple present or present progressive/present continuous.

1. Right now Yoko (read) _____ an article in the newspaper, but she (understand, not) _____ it. Some of the vocabulary (be) _____ too difficult for her.
2. Right now I (look) _____ at the board. I (see) _____ some words on the board.
3. I (need) _____ to call my parents today and tell them about my new apartment. They can't call me because they (know, not) _____ my new telephone number.
4. This tea is good. I (like) _____ it. What kind is it? I (prefer) _____ tea instead of coffee. How about you?
5. Sam is at the library. He (sit) _____ at a table. He (write) _____ a composition. He (use) _____ a dictionary to look up the spelling of some words. The dictionary (not, belong) _____ to him. It (belong) _____ to his roommate. Sam (look) _____ up words in the dictionary because he (want) _____ to make sure that he doesn't misspell any words.
6. Right now the children (be) _____ at the beach. They (have) _____ a good time. They (have) _____ a beach ball, and they (play) _____ catch with it. They (like) _____ to play catch. Their parents (sunbathe) _____. They (try) _____ to get a tan. They (listen) _____ to some music on the radio. They also (hear) _____ the sounds of seagulls and waves.
7. Right now I (think) _____ about seagulls and waves. I (think) _____ that seagulls are beautiful birds.
8. I (have) _____ a red, convertible sports car. I bought it last year, and I love driving it! I always (have) _____ a fun time when I drive it.
9. What (you, look) _____ at? Is that a Chinese dictionary? That (look) _____ like a difficult language to learn.