

PRACTICE

1. Select the correct verb form for each sentence

- a) The Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao **houses / is housing** Spain's largest collection of Modern Art.
- b) We **try out / are trying out** a new paper supplier at the moment. The old one was too expensive.
- c) The children **don't eat / aren't eating** sweets and chocolate before they go to bed at night. It's bad for their teeth.
- d) These animals **display / are displaying** a great deal of aggression if disturbed.
- e) We currently **show/are showing** the film Star Wars at all Odeon cinemas in the region.
- f) 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.
- g) The rubbish collectors come/are coming on Fridays in this area. They **don't take / aren't taking** rubbish not left in black plastic bags.
- h) You **always complain/ are always complaining** and it really gets on my nerves! Why can't you just accept things and relax?
- i) **Does the orchestra play/ Is the orchestra playing** at the Town Hall this week? I'd really like to see their new concert.
- j) Swimming **provides / is providing** exercise for more muscle groups than any other physical activity.

2. Complete the sentences with the Present Simple or Continuous

- 1 The girl in the painting **is playing** the guitar. (**play**)
- 2 My dog's not dangerous. He _____. (**not bite**)
- 3 Why _____ you _____ sunglasses? It _____! (**wear, rain**)
- 4 You can turn off the radio. I _____ to it. (**not listen**)
- 5 I _____ to go to the bank. I _____ any money (**need, not have**)
- 6 Be careful! The baby _____ that pen in her mouth! (**put**)

- 7 A _____ you usually _____ at weekends? (**cook**)
B No, we normally _____ out. (**eat**)
- 8 A What _____ you _____ here? (**do**)
B I _____ for Emma. She's late, as usual. (**wait**)
- 9 I usually drink tea, but I _____ a coffee today (want)
- 10 My sister _____ from 9 to 5 .She's a secretary. (work)
- 11 We _____ in Paris, but we _____ in the Nice at the moment.
(live, stay)
- 12 _____ your English _____ better? (get)
- 13 Let's go out. It _____ now. (not rain)
- 14 I _____ with some friends until I find a place of my own
(live)
- 15 My parents _____ in Salta. They have lived there all their lives (live)
- 16 The water _____.Be careful. (boil)
- 17 I _____ Mary is Canadian. I'm not sure. (think)
- 18 Nicky _____ of giving up her job. (not think)

3. Are the underlined verbs OK? Correct them where necessary.

1 Water <u>boils</u> at 100 degrees Celsius.	OK
2 How often <u>are you going</u> to the cinema?	do you go
3 Ben <u>tries</u> to find a job, but he hasn't had any luck yet.	
4 Martina <u>is phoning</u> her mother every day.	
5 The moon <u>goes</u> round the earth in about 27 days.	
6 Can you hear those people? What <u>do they talk</u> about?	
7 What <u>do you do</u> in your spare time?	
8 Sarah is a vegetarian. She <u>doesn't eat</u> meat.	
9 I must go now. It <u>gets</u> late.	
10 'Come on! It's time to leave.' 'OK, I <u>come</u> .'	
11 Paul is never late. He's <u>always starting</u> work on time.	
12 They don't get on well. They're <u>always arguing</u> .	