

Tom's Diner

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1. Complete the gaps using Present Continuous.

I am sitting in the morning at the diner on the corner

I ⁽¹⁾ at the counter for the man to pour the coffee and he fills it only halfway and before I even argue he ⁽²⁾ out the window at somebody coming in.

"It is always nice to see you", says the man behind the counter to the woman who has come in.

She ⁽³⁾ her umbrella and I look the other way as they ⁽⁴⁾ their hellos I'm pretending not to see them, instead I pour the milk.

I open up the paper, there's a story of an actor who had died while he was drinking, it was no one I had heard of and I ⁽⁵⁾ to the horoscope And looking for the funnies When I ⁽⁶⁾ someone watching me and so I raise my head.

There's a woman on the outside looking inside, does she see me? No she does not really see me cause she sees her own reflection and I ⁽⁷⁾ not to notice that she's hitching up her skirt and while she ⁽⁸⁾ her stockings,

On the board:

listen	think
kiss	straighten
sit	look
feel	shake
try	turn
wait	

Meanings:

- *Counter:* A long flat-topped fitment in a shop where food and drinks are served.
- *To pour:* Prepare and serve (a drink).
- *To argue:* To discuss.
- *As:* In the process of, while...
- *To hitch up:* remangarse, subirse, levantarse (clothes).
- *Through:* (in time) During.

2. Write all the words you don't know the meaning, look for it in a dictionary:

her hair has gotten wet.

Oh, this rain it will continue
through the morning as I (9) _____
to the bells of the cathedral.
I (10) _____ of your voice...

And of the midnight picnic
Once upon a time
Before the rain began...

I finish up my coffee
It's time to catch the train.