

## *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 <sup>(1)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ at the counter  
for the man to pour the coffee  
and he fills it only halfway  
and before I even argue  
he <sup>(2)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>(3)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ her umbrella  
and I look the other way  
as they <sup>(4)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>(5)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to the horoscope  
And looking for the funnies  
When I <sup>(6)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>(7)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ not to notice  
that she's hitching up her skirt  
and while she <sup>(8)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ her stockings,

### On the board:

listen	think
kiss	straighten
<b>sit</b>	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 <sup>(9)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
to the bells of the cathedral.

I <sup>(10)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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.