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Exercise 14

Simple Present Tense Review

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in simple present tense.

Hi. My name (be) _____ Albert. My friends (call) _____ me Al. You can call me Al if you (like) _____.

I (want) to tell you about a problem I (have) _____. It (be, not) _____ a big problem, but it is not a small problem, either. I (guess) _____ it's somewhere between big and small.

I (have) _____ a best friend. His name (be) _____ Joe, but everybody (call) _____ him Joey. Joey and I have been friends for a long time. That's the problem. Joey (like) _____ to smoke. He (say) _____ he (do, not) _____, but I (know) _____ he (do) _____. He (try) _____ to hide it from me, but I (see) _____ him do it sometimes. When I see him do it, he just (laugh) _____ and (walk) _____ away.

Now, Joey (smoke) _____ every day. When he (come) _____ over to my house, he (always, bring) _____ his cigarettes with him. He (keep) _____ them in his pocket. He (think) _____ they are cool. He (not, think) _____ it's a bad idea to smoke. He (say) _____, "(not, worry) _____, Al. I'm okay." He (tell) _____ me that I (not, understand) _____, but I (think) _____ I (do) _____.

I (feel) _____ like it's his right to smoke. He can do what he (want) _____ to do, right? But I can (not, help) _____ worrying. He's my best friend.