

Practice

7a Put the verbs in brackets into the tense indicated. Choose between the simple aspect and the continuous aspect.

Jenny and Francesca, two friends, are talking.

J: So what is it that ¹ *'s worrying*. (worry – present) you?

F: Well, I just ² (not see – present) a way out of my problems with my boss.

J: Why? What ³ (go on – present perfect)?

F: Well, we ⁴ (go out – past) for dinner about a month ago and I ⁵ (think – present) he ⁶ (assume – past) that I ⁷ (be interested – past) in going out with him regularly, but I'm not.

J: ⁸ (you/tell – past) him that?

F: Yes, of course I have, but he just ⁹ (not seem – present) to understand. Take yesterday for example. I ¹⁰ (work – past) hard on my monthly report when he ¹¹ (come up – past) to me and ¹² (put – past) his arm round my shoulder. I really ¹³ (not like – present) him doing that.

J: No, of course. I ¹⁴ (suppose – present) he ¹⁵ (not believe – present) you're not interested in him.

F: No. And he ¹⁶ (get – present) worse all the time. And I ¹⁷ (get – present) more and more fed up with it. In fact I ¹⁸ (think – present) of leaving.

J: But ¹⁹ (you really want – present) to leave?

F: Well no, but I ²⁰ (not want – present) to be treated like this. Oh well, he's not here today, thank goodness. He ²¹ (attend – present) a conference in Birmingham. I ²² (expect – present) he ²³ (talk – present) to all the attractive women and ²⁴ (try – present) to find someone to have dinner with.

J: I can tell you really ²⁵ (dislike – present) him.