GRAMMAR

present tenses

1 Choose the correct meaning (A or B) for each sentence.

1 My dad works nights so we don't see much of him in the week.
- A This is true just this week.
- B This is true every week.

2 Why are you wearing your coat in the house?
- A I'm asking about this moment.
- B I'm asking about a changing situation around now.

3 Why are things going up in price?
- A I'm asking about this moment.
- B I'm asking about a changing situation around now.

4 You're always taking my bike without asking!
- A You've got my bike now and I want it back.
- B You do this a lot and it annoys me.

5 So, she shows me her phone and she's laughing. I read the text and I feel like crying. Then she just walks off!
- A This happened in the past but I want to make my story more real.
- B This is happening now, so it's a real story.

6 You've cut your hair. It looks great.
- A I can see the result of a past change.
- B I know when you changed your appearance.

7 You've been chatting on that phone for hours.
- A You've talked to your friends already today.
- B You're still talking.

2 Find and correct four mistakes in the sentences. If the sentence is correct, write 'correct'.

1 We don't know each other for long, but we get on very well.
2 How long have you been learning to play the bongo drums?
3 You're always criticising me! It's just not fair!
4 I'm hot because I run round the park.
5 I broke my phone two days ago so I don't message my friends for ages.
6 Have you checked out that new video yet?
7 All my friends are spending every Saturday afternoon at the football.
8 To be honest, I'm a creature of habit. I don't often try new things.

3 Choose the correct words to complete the conversation.

A: Oh, this ¹**looks / is looking** fun!
B: What ²**are you looking / do you look** at?
A: One of those personality quizzes: 'How adventurous are you?' Shall we do it together?
B: Hmm, ³**I'm not really enjoying / I don't really enjoy** quizzes like that.
A: Oh, come on! We ⁴**haven't done / don't do** anything like this for ages. It'll be a laugh. The first question is about food: How many new types of food ⁵**have you tried / have you been trying** so far this year? One to five, six to ten or eleven to fifteen?
B: Maybe one to five. ⁶**I've never been / I never am** very adventurous with food.
A: OK. The next one is about meeting new people: You ⁷**stand / are standing** alone at a party How do you make contact? Walk over to a group and say hi, find one friendly person, or...?
B: I'm sorry but I ⁸**get / I'm getting** a bit bored with this quiz already.
A: Oh, don't be like that! It's only a bit of fun.
B: Yes, but ⁹**I've had / I've been having** enough now. I think I'll go home.
A: Oh, ¹⁰**you've always been walking / you're always walking** off like that.
B: That's not true! I just don't always like what you like.

4 1.1 Listen and check your answers to Ex 3.

5 Complete the blog with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use short forms where possible.

How common is common sense?

People ¹ _____ (always / tell) me to use my common sense. It's so annoying! What ² _____ that even _____ (mean)? A dictionary definition ³ _____ (say): the ability to behave in a sensible way and make practical decisions. OK, so it's common sense to check for traffic when you ⁴ _____ (cross) the road. I get that. But what about when it comes to studying? We ⁵ _____ (work) on a design project at school for the last few weeks. It ⁶ _____ (not go) too well at the moment, so I asked my dad for help. All he said was, 'Just use your common sense.' I ⁷ _____ (try) to work out how that's helpful ever since. Great advice, Dad, thanks! ⁸ _____ anyone _____ (ever / say) that to you? What do you think common sense ⁹ _____ (mean)? How ¹⁰ _____ it _____ (help) with your schoolwork up to now?

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