

C Grammar exercises

1 Choose the correct sentence from each pair.

- 1 a My brother lives with us until he can find a flat of his own.
b My brother is living with us until he can find a flat of his own.
- 2 a Megan goes to Hong Kong every January.
b Megan's going to Hong Kong every January.
- 3 a I don't have enough money for a long holiday this year.
b I'm not having enough money for a long holiday this year.
- 4 a Everyone needs a break from work sometimes.
b Everyone is needing a break from work sometimes.
- 5 a What period of history do you study this term?
b What period of history are you studying this term?
- 6 a The team manager looks bad-tempered in public, but he's always being very kind to young players.
b The team manager looks bad-tempered in public, but he's always very kind to young players.

2 Complete these sentences with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs.

- 1 My father knows (know) all about mending cars, but nothing about bicycles.
- 2 This pie smells (smell) a bit odd. What's in it?
- 3 I like (like) the jacket of this suit, but unfortunately the trousers don't fit (not fit) me any more.
- 4 You're very quiet this evening. What are you thinking (you / think) about?
- 5 Who is (be) that man? Why is your sister (your sister / be) so rude to him?
She has (have) such beautiful manners normally.

3 Fill in the gaps with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs.

- 1 Alex: Why are you wearing (you / wear) my coat?
Ben: Oh, I'm sorry. It looks (look) like mine in this light.
- 2 Carl: I don't know (have) no idea what this sentence means (mean).
Can you translate it?
Donna: No, sorry. I don't understand (not understand) it either.
- 3 Eddie: Are you seeing (you / see) those men near the door? They are looking (look) at us very strangely.
Fergus: Yes. You're right. Do you recognise (you / recognise) them from anywhere?
Eddie: No, but they certainly seem (seem) to know us. They are coming (come) across to speak to us.
- 4 Gina: What are you doing (you / do) in the kitchen? Our guests are waiting (wait) for their dessert, and you are getting (get) in my way!
Hamid: I just want (want) to be somewhere quiet for a while. Everyone is being (be) so noisy this evening! I don't know (not know) why – it's very unusual.