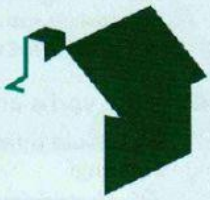
Present simple and continuous

GRAMMAR IN USE **Read the information about HousesittersPro. Then complete John and Angela's statement with the verbs from the box.**

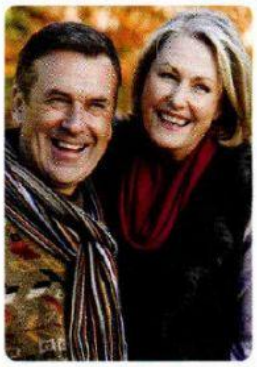
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HousesittersPro – the holiday solution

Going on holiday? Then you need HousesittersPro.



Our employees come and live in your home while you're away. They look after your property, including your garden and your pets, so that your home is safe. They are mostly retired people, and we have checked their background.



Meet John and Angela, two of our typical housesitters:

"We have both retired from responsible jobs. We (0) *live* ..... in a small cottage in the country and we (1) ..... our retirement. We (2) ..... time in the garden most days and we often (3) ..... to the cinema and theatre with our friends. Our daughter (4) ..... us with our grandchildren now and again. But we sometimes (5) ..... bored, so for three months every year we (6) ..... for HousesittersPro. Then our life is very different. At the moment, we're in the home of a young couple who are travelling for three weeks. We (7) ..... in their apartment in the city, and we (8) ..... their pets. We (9) ..... a lot of time in front of the TV, because as HousesittersPro employees, we (10) ..... the house for more than a couple of hours at a time. You know that your house is safe when you have HousesittersPro in it!"

GRAMMAR IN USE **Check the verbs in the list; write A for action, S for state or A/S for action/state. Then complete the conversation with the verbs in the present simple or present continuous. Use each verb once only.** 2.58 **Listen and check.**

appear	*A/S*	be	.....	enjoy	.....	~~feel~~	.....
go	.....	go well	.....	have	.....	know	.....
like	.....	see	.....	visit	.....		

JULIET I (0) *feel* ..... exhausted after all that shopping!

KAREN So do I. I usually (1) ..... a coffee after shopping. This café looks nice.

JULIET Mmm. I (2) (not often) ..... shopping, but I really (3) ..... it when I do!

KAREN Let's sit here. Show me your new dress again. That's really nice. (4) ..... it for a special occasion?

JULIET No, I just need to cheer myself up!

KAREN Oh, why? Everything (5) ..... with your job, isn't it?

JULIET Well, not really.

KAREN Why's that? You usually (6) ..... to be so happy in your work.

JULIET Well, I was at first but as you know, I (7) ..... my family in Scotland whenever I can, and these days, now that Dad's quite ill, I (8) ..... them every weekend, so I'm leaving work early every Friday to get to Scotland. My boss (9) (not) ..... that, although I work longer on other days, so we're always arguing at the moment.

KAREN That's a shame. What are you going to do?

JULIET Honestly, Karen, I (10) (not) ..... I really like the job, but I need to be with my family at the moment, too.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

ALL UNITS **Read the article and choose the correct answer, A, B or C below.**

Diego Zeman – the human cannonball



It's a cold Saturday afternoon and I'm at Cottle and Austin's Circus to meet Diego Zeman, their human cannonball. When I (0) ..... inside the Big Top, I (1) ..... Diego immediately. His act is about to start and he (2) ..... on top of the cannon. He then (3) ..... inside it, and suddenly he shoots out, flies through the air and lands safely in the net. The whole act only (4) ..... a couple of minutes, but I'm sure that Diego (5) ..... nerves of steel – it's frightening stuff!

When we talk later on, Diego tells me that he (6) ..... nervous at first, but then he feels free for the moments he (7) ..... through the air – the whole two seconds! Diego (8) ..... from a circus family, so he grew up amongst performers. His job may be glamorous, but it's hard work and Diego (9) ..... a lot of money. He (10) ..... with the circus and travels with them, and he (11) ..... a couple of hours in the gym every day to control his weight and strengthen his legs and back. But he does it because he (12) ..... the work.

0	A goes	B am going	(C) go
1	A see	B sees	C am seeing
2	A is standing	B has standing	C stands
3	A climbs	B climb	C is climbing
4	A is last	B is lasting	C lasts
5	A got	B has got	C is got
6	A feels always	B is feeling always	C always feels
7	A is fly	B is flying	C is flies
8	A comes	B is coming	C is come
9	A isn't earning	B don't earn	C doesn't earn
10	A is living	B lives	C live
11	A spends	B is spending	C does spend
12	A is loving	B is love	C loves

ALL UNITS **Complete Neil and Jack's conversation about their flatmate, using the words in brackets. Decide whether to use the present simple or present continuous.**

JACK You know, Laurence has been in the flat for three months now. What (0) *do you think* ..... (you / think) of him?

NEIL Well, actually, (1) ..... (I / get) really fed up with him. I mean, (2) ..... (he / always / take) my food from the fridge.

JACK And mine. And (3) ..... (he / never / do) the washing-up! It's not fair. Perhaps we should ask him to leave.

NEIL Well, I'm not sure that he wants to stay. (4) ..... (he / not / seem) very happy here.

JACK Mmm. (5) ..... (he / have) any friends? He doesn't go out much.

NEIL Mmm ... you know that (6) ..... (he / have) about three showers a day.

JACK That's because (7) ..... (he / work) on a building site at the moment.

NEIL True, but the gas and water prices (8) ..... (go up) all the time. We can't afford his three showers a day.

JACK I know, but (9) ..... (he / have) some good points, too. He's quiet and (10) ..... (he / usually / pay) the rent on time. Look, I'll have a word with him about the showers and so on, and we'll see how it goes.

LIVEWORKSHEETS