

## PRESENT TENSES

Compare the verb forms in each group of sentences and answer the questions.

- 1 a The Indian soap began over 1,250 episodes ago.  
b The Indian soap has begun over 1,250 episodes ago.  
c Hurry up! The Indian soap has just begun.  
1 Which sentence is wrong? \_\_\_\_\_
  
- 2 a They've already watched 1,000 episodes of *Lindenstrasse*.  
b They've been watching *Lindenstrasse* since it began.  
1 Which sentence emphasises the duration of the activity? \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Which sentence emphasises a number or result? \_\_\_\_\_
  
- 3 a How long have you been watching *América*?  
b Have you ever watched *América*?  
1 Which question asks about an activity which started in the past and continues in the present? \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Which question asks about an experience which happened sometime in the past? \_\_\_\_\_

WRITE YOUR ANSWER IN CAPITAL LETTERS, PLEASE! DO NOT USE CONTRACTIONS!

Read this conversation from Part 1 of the *First Speaking test*. Complete the conversation with the correct present form of the verbs.

- A: First of all I'd like to know something about you, Dorota. Where (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (you / be) from?  
B: Poland. I (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in a small town called Nowy Targ.  
A: And how long (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (you / live) there?  
B: I (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (live) there all my life, though I (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (study) English in Torun at the moment.  
A: (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (you / ever / study) any other languages?  
B: Yes. I (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) German for two years when I was at school.  
A: OK. So what (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (you and your family / enjoy) doing at home?  
B: We all (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (like) skiing. My family always (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (go) skiing each winter in a place called Zakopane which is near us.  
A: And what's the most exciting thing you (11) \_\_\_\_\_ (ever / do)?  
B: Oh, that's a difficult question. Erm ... well, currently I (12) \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a course in paragliding.