

Present Simple and Present Continuous

1 Choose the correct option.

Living on the streets

A hundred million people around the world ¹ *are living / live* on the streets at the moment, on dirty pavements or outside shops. Of course, the problem is very serious in poor countries, but it ² *exists / is existing* in rich countries, too. In Europe, 3 million people ³ *sleep / are sleeping* on the streets right now. There are many causes: some, for example, ⁴ *have / are having* no home after a period in prison or when they have arguments with family. Unfortunately, the problem ⁵ *isn't going / doesn't go* away and this is partly because houses ⁶ *cost / are costing* a lot nowadays. However, charities ⁷ *work / are working* hard, especially in the winter, to put roofs over people's heads and to improve the lives of people on the street. This year, there are many interesting projects. For example, charities around the world ⁸ *are organizing / organize* a huge football competition for people with no home.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

- 1 Tourists _____ (always/visit) the large department stores.
- 2 We _____ (sit) in Brown's Café now – come and have a coffee with us!
- 3 The roads are busy because people _____ (return) from work at the moment.
- 4 _____ (you/usually/meet) friends in a café?
- 5 I _____ (not/usually/visit) the city centre at weekends.
- 6 The band _____ (not perform) here next week.
- 7 Nowadays, many people _____ (go) to out-of-town shopping centres.
- 8 _____ (you and Sarah/do) the shopping right now?