

**D** Circle the correct word or phrase.

- 1 I **work** / **am working** at the local library for the summer.
- 2 We **don't go** / **aren't going** to the theatre very often.
- 3 Stacy **gets** / **is getting** ready for school, so she can't come to the phone.
- 4 **Does Gary ever talk** / **Is Gary ever talking** about his expedition to the Amazon jungle?
- 5 In squash, you **hit** / **are hitting** a ball against a wall.
- 6 I **read** / **am reading** a newspaper at least once a week.
- 7 **Do you practise** / **Are you practising** the piano for two hours every day?
- 8 Nadine and Claire **do** / **are doing** quite well at school at the moment.
- 9 A good friend **knows** / **is knowing** when you're upset about something.
- 10 How **do you spell** / **are you spelling** your name?

**E** Complete using the correct present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in the box. You may have to use some negative forms.

belong • do • have • help • hold • move • use • watch

- 1 In Monopoly, you ..... around the board, buying houses and hotels.
- 2 ..... you ..... this programme or can I turn the TV off?
- 3 Regular exercise ..... you to stay healthy.
- 4 I ..... my brother's guitar until I get a new one.
- 5 ..... Simon always ..... the washing-up after lunch?
- 6 ..... you ..... any sweaters in a larger size?
- 7 You ..... the kite right. Let me show you.
- 8 Dad ..... to the local astronomy club.

**F** Underline ten verbs in the wrong tense and rewrite them correctly.

'One game I am loving is backgammon. You are throwing the dice and then you move your pieces around the board. It is seeming quite easy, but in fact you are needing to be quite careful. When your piece lands on one of the other person's pieces, you are taking it off the board and you send it back to the beginning. You are winning by getting all your pieces to the end and off the board. Some people are preferring chess, but I am not understanding that game. Right now, I wait to have a game with my brother. He does his homework. I usually win, so I think he doesn't want to play a game with me!'

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| 2 ..... | 5 ..... | 8 ..... |
| 3 ..... | 6 ..... | 9 ..... |
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**D** Circle the correct word or phrase.

- 1 When we were in Canada, we **went** / **were going** skiing almost every day.
- 2 About four years ago, I **decided** / **was deciding** to become a chef.
- 3 Georgia **had** / **was having** a shower when someone knocked at the door.
- 4 Holly and I ran from the house to the taxi because it **rained** / **was raining** heavily.
- 5 Two men **argued** / **were arguing** outside, so I went to see what was happening.
- 6 Daniel **called** / **was calling** you at one o'clock yesterday, but you were here with me.
- 7 We **ate** / **were eating** breakfast when a letter came through the letter box.
- 8 As I walked past the window, I saw that Paula **made** / **was making** a cake.
- 9 I **dreamt** / **was dreaming** about my favourite band when the alarm clock went off.
- 10 While I **practised** / **was practising** the trumpet late last night, a neighbour came to complain.

**E** Complete using the correct past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in the box.

answer • be • continue • get • go • have • open • practise • put  
ring • say • shine • sing • wake

**Amber's Big Match**

One morning, Amber (1) ..... up early. The sun (2) ..... and the birds (3) ..... . Amber (4) ..... very excited because it was the day of the big tennis match.

Amber (5) ..... downstairs and into the kitchen, where her father (6) ..... breakfast.

'Morning, Amber. Today's the day!' he (7) ..... . Amber smiled nervously. 'Don't worry!' he (8) ..... . 'You'll be fine.'

Amber (9) ..... some toast into the toaster and (10) ..... the fridge. Just as she (11) ..... the butter out, the phone (12) ..... . Her father (13) ..... it. After a few minutes, he put the phone down.

'Bad news, I'm afraid. The other player (14) ..... yesterday when she had an accident. The match is off.'

Amber ate her toast slowly. She was surprised she didn't feel disappointed.

**F** Complete using the correct form of *used to*. You may have to use some negative forms.

- 1 When I was younger, I ..... eat pizza almost every day!
- 2 ..... there ..... be a supermarket on the corner?
- 3 Bradley is a teacher, but he ..... want to be a train driver.
- 4 I ..... like eating cabbage, but now I love it!
- 5 ..... Rick ..... have blond hair when he was a little boy?
- 6 I know Lily ..... cook much, but now I think she makes dinner every day.