

# Test A: Tenses – present

**A** Katy and Sandra are talking about their daily lives. Write the correct forms of the Present Simple. Use short forms if you can.

Katy: (►) *Do you get up*..... (you/get/up) early?

Sandra: No, not really. (1)..... (My sister/go) to the bathroom first at about eight o'clock. (2)..... *I*(not/get up) until about eight thirty. What about you?

Katy: Well, (3)..... (Mike/try) to get me up at about seven, but (4)..... (he/not/usually/succeed)!

Sandra: (5)..... (I/be/not) very hungry in the morning. What about you? (6)..... (you/eat) much for breakfast?

Katy: (7)..... (I/not/usually/like) to eat much, but (8)..... (Mike/study) for an hour before breakfast, so (9)..... (he/eat) quite a lot.

Sandra: (10)..... (he/have) a big lunch as well?

Katy: (11)..... (I/not/know). (12)..... (He/not/tell) me!

Sandra: (13)..... (you/drive) to work?

Katy: Yes. (14)..... (there/not/be) any buses. What about you?

Sandra: Well, (15)..... (my sister/want) to buy a new car, but at the moment, (16)..... (we/both/walk).

**B** Felix is on holiday in Portugal with his wife, Jilly, and their children, Tom and Sally. He's emailing their oldest child, Simon, who is at home in England. If the Present Continuous form is correct, put a tick (✓). If it's wrong, either change the spelling or change it to the Present Simple as necessary.

'How are you *geting* (►) *getting*..... on, Simon? We're thinking (►) *We think*..... it's great here. Everyone is having (►) ✓..... a good time. I'm *siting* (1)..... in the hotel Business Centre. Tom is *swiming* (2)..... in the pool. Sally is *lying* (3)..... on the beach, and Jilly is *shoping*! (4)..... We're *liking* (5)..... Portugal. We're all *relaxing*. (6)..... What are you doing? Are you *working hard* (7)..... at the moment? I'm *knowing* (8)..... your exams start tomorrow. Good luck! Is it *raining* (9)..... in England? The sun is *shineing* (10)..... here, of course! I'm *learning* (11)..... a bit of Portuguese, but not very much. I'm *understanding* (12)..... some of the things that people say, but only if the words are similar to English. Hope to hear from you soon!'

**C** Hazel and Jeremy are on the phone. Complete their conversation using either the Present Simple or Present Continuous. Use short forms if you can.

Jeremy: (▶) *Are you working?*.... (you/work?)

Hazel: Yes. (1)..... (I/finish) a piece of homework for tomorrow. Why? What are you doing?

Jeremy: Well, (2)..... (I/think) about my homework, but I'm afraid (3)..... (I/not/actually/do) it at the moment. I'm tired and bored. (4)..... (you/want) to go out?

Hazel: No. Look at the weather. (5)..... (it/rain). (6)..... (I/never/go out) in the rain. By the way, (7)..... (you/know) the new girl in our class, the one with glasses? (8)..... (I/think) (9)..... (she/come) from Venezuela. Anyway, (10)..... (she/stay) with Peter's family this month.

Jeremy: Yes, I know. (11)..... (she/do/well) at school, isn't she? Peter says (12)..... (she/speak) three languages: Spanish, English and French. (13)..... (I/not/speak/any languages)!

Hazel: Tired, bored and stupid! Why would I want to go out with you, anyway?

**D** This is the opening part of a book. One unnecessary word has been crossed out already as an example. Find twenty-one more, and cross them out.

Today is the 1 June 1964. The sun shines is shining and the birds sing are singing. What is does everyone doing do? Well, Mrs Green is reads reading a newspaper. She is reads reading a newspaper every day before breakfast. Her husband, Mr Green, is danceing dancing in the garden. He likes is liking dancing in the morning.

'Have you another cup of coffee, darling', says Mr Green.

'But I'm still drink drinking my first cup, dear', replies Mrs Green, 'and anyway, where's our daughter today? She is usually bringing brings me my coffee.'

'Mary,' says Mr Green (but he doesn't stop dance dancing), 'she's she works working in London this week. Don't you remember?'

'Stopping Stop dancing and listening listen to me. I never forget forgetting anything.

I was just giving you a little test. Anyway, it's time for work.'

'Alright, darling, but don't forget not your briefcase.'

'Thank you, dear. Don't dancing dance too hard!'

**E** Use the words in the box to complete the list for new students.

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| leave (X) | show (✓) | smoke (X) | work (✓) | check (✓) | give (X) | copy (X) |
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- ▶ *Work*..... hard, but take a break now and again!
- ▶ *Don't leave*..... your bags or coats in the lecture hall.
- 1 ..... that you know all the examination dates.
- 2 ..... your computer password to another student.
- 3 ..... your ID card when you enter the building.
- 4 ..... in the lecture halls or classrooms.
- 5 ..... your essays from the Internet!