

*Directions:* Complete the sentences with the words in parentheses. Use the simple present or the present progressive.

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1. Right now I (look) am looking at the board. I (see) \_\_\_\_\_ some words on the board.

2. A: (you, need) \_\_\_\_\_ some help, Mrs. Brown?  
(you, want) \_\_\_\_\_ me to carry that box for you?  
B: Yes, thank you. That's very kind of you.

3. A: Who is that man? I (think) \_\_\_\_\_ that I (know) \_\_\_\_\_ him, but I (forget) \_\_\_\_\_ his name.  
B: That's Mr. Martinez.  
A: That's right! I (remember) \_\_\_\_\_ him now.

4. A: (you, believe) \_\_\_\_\_ in flying plates?  
B: What (you, talk) \_\_\_\_\_ about?  
A: You know, spaceships from outer space with alien creatures aboard.  
B: In my opinion, flying plates (exist) \_\_\_\_\_ only in people's imaginations.



5. Right now the children (be) \_\_\_\_\_ at the beach. They (have) \_\_\_\_\_ a good time. They (have) \_\_\_\_\_ a beach ball, and they (play) \_\_\_\_\_ catch with it. They (like) \_\_\_\_\_ to play catch. Their parents (sunbathe) \_\_\_\_\_. They (drink) \_\_\_\_\_ cocktails. They (listen) \_\_\_\_\_ to music on a radio. They also (hear) \_\_\_\_\_ the sound of seagulls and the sound of the waves.

6. A: What (you, think) \_\_\_\_\_ about right now?  
B: I (think) \_\_\_\_\_ about seagulls and waves.  
A: (you, like) \_\_\_\_\_ seagulls?  
B: Yes. I (think) seagulls are interesting birds.

7. A: Which color (you, prefer) \_\_\_\_\_, red or blue?

B: I (like) \_\_\_\_\_ blue better than red. Why?

A: I (read) \_\_\_\_\_ a magazine article right now. According to the article, people who (prefer) \_\_\_\_\_ blue to red (be) \_\_\_\_\_ calm and (value) \_\_\_\_\_ honesty and loyalty in their daily activities. A preference for red (mean) \_\_\_\_\_ that a person (be) \_\_\_\_\_ aggressive and (love) \_\_\_\_\_ excitement.

B: Oh? That (sound) \_\_\_\_\_ like a bunch of nonsense to me.

8. A: Does the earth turn around and around?

B: Yes, Jimmy. The earth (spin) \_\_\_\_\_ around and around on its axis as it circles the sun.

The earth (spin) \_\_\_\_\_ rapidly at this very moment.

A: Really? I can't feel it moving. (you, try) \_\_\_\_\_ to fool me?

A: Of course not! (you, think, really) \_\_\_\_\_ that the earth isn't moving?

B: I guess so. Yes. I can't see it move. Yes. It isn't moving.

A: (you, believe) \_\_\_\_\_ only those things that you can see?

Look at the trees out the window. All of them (grow) \_\_\_\_\_ at this moment,

but you can't see the growth. They (get) \_\_\_\_\_ bigger and bigger with every second

that passes. You can't see the trees grow, and. you can't feel the earth spin, but both events (take)

\_\_\_\_\_ . place at this moment while you and I (speak) \_\_\_\_\_

B: Really? How do you know?