

**Choose the correct word or phrase in each sentence.**

I haven't decided yet about whether to buy a new car or a second-hand one.

But / ***think about it / I'm thinking about it.***

All right, you try to fix the television! But / ***hope / I'm hoping*** you know what you're doing.

Every year / ***visit / I'm visiting*** Britain to improve my English.

It's time we turned on the central heating. ***It gets / It's getting*** colder every day.

Of course, you're Mary, aren't you! I ***recognise / I am recognising*** you now.

The film of 'War and Peace' is very long. ***It lasts / It is lasting*** over four hours.

I can see from what you say that your mornings are very busy!

But what ***do you do / are you doing*** in the afternoons?

I'm going to buy a new swimming costume. My old one ***doesn't fit / isn't fitting*** any more.

That must be the end of the first part of the performance.

What ***happens / is happening*** now?

What's the matter? Why ***do you look / are you looking*** at me like that?

**Choose the correct word or phrase in each sentence.**

- a) I work in this office ***all this year / all the time***.
- b) Emerson is ***currently / for long*** top of the driver's league.
- c) I am not making much money ***these days / so far this year***.
- d) The food tastes even worse ***now / presently***. You've put too much salt in.
- e) ***Normally / previously*** we get in touch with customers by post.
- f) Pete was ill but he is getting over his illness ***soon / now***.
- g) I'm feeling rather run down ***lately / at present***, doctor,
- h) I always stay on duty ***since / until*** six o'clock.
- i) I'm ***often / forever*** picking your hairs out of the bath!
- j) Fortunately the baby ***now / recently*** sleeps all night.

**Put each verb in brackets into the present simple or present progressive.**

I (hear) \_\_\_\_\_ that you have been promoted. Congratulations!

British people \_\_\_\_\_ (drink) more and more wine, apparently.

I hope Sarah will be here soon. I \_\_\_\_\_ (depend) on her.

Please be quiet, David. You \_\_\_\_\_ (forever/interrupt).

Hey, you! What \_\_\_\_\_ (you/think) you're doing?

Could you come here please? I \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to talk to you now.

Jane is away on holiday so Linda \_\_\_\_\_ (handle) her work.

To be honest, I \_\_\_\_\_ (doubt) whether Jim will be here next week.

You've only just started the job, haven't you? How \_\_\_\_\_ (you/get on)?

Pay no attention to Graham. He \_\_\_\_\_ (just/be) sarcastic.

### Choose the correct form.

a Some kinds of fish **contain / are containing** high levels of dangerous metals.

b Scientists nowadays **slowly begin to understand / are slowly beginning to understand** more about how the brain works.

c What **do you think / are you thinking** of Kate's new hairstyle? It's unusual, isn't it?

d Loud music can be really annoying. Some people **don't realize / aren't realizing** what a nuisance it can be.

e You can't really have seen a UFO! You **imagine / are imagining** things!

f Technicians report that they **have / are having** difficulty installing the new computer system.

g No wine for me! **I take / I'm taking** antibiotics for an ear infection.

h In career terms, having a good degree **appears / is appearing** to make little difference.

The National Theatre **considers / is considering** putting on a new production of *Romeo and Juliet*.

**Does this wallet belong / Is this wallet belonging** to you?