

PRESENT SIMPLE OR CONTINUOUS

A Trekking Journal

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Today ^{1.} _____ (be) the second day of my trek around Mount Annapurna. I am exhausted and my legs ^{2.} _____ (shake); I hope I am able to complete the trek. My feet ^{3.} _____ (kill) me and my toes ^{4.} _____ (bleed), but I ^{5.} _____ (still, want) to continue.

Nepal is a fascinating country, but I have a great deal to learn. Everything ^{6.} _____ (be) so different, and I ^{7.} _____ (try) to adapt to the new way of life here. I ^{8.} _____ (learn) a little bit of the language to make communication easier; unfortunately, I ^{9.} _____ (learn, not) foreign languages quickly. Although I ^{10.} _____ (not, understand) much yet, I believe that I ^{11.} _____ (gradually, improve) .

I ^{12.} _____ (currently, travel) with Liam, a student from Leeds University in England. He ^{13.} _____ (be) a nice guy, but impatient. He ^{14.} _____ (always, walk) ahead of me and ^{15.} _____ (complain) that I am too slow. I ^{16.} _____ (do) my best to keep up with him, but he is younger and stronger than I am. Maybe, I am just feeling sorry for myself because I am getting old.

Right now, Liam ^{17.} _____ (sit) with the owner of the inn. They ^{18.} _____ (discuss) the differences between life in England and life in Nepal. I ^{19.} _____ (know, not) the real name of the owner, but everybody ^{20.} _____ (call) him Tam. Tam ^{21.} _____ (speak) English very well and he ^{22.} _____ (try) to teach Liam some words in Nepali. Every time Tam ^{23.} _____ (say) a new word, Liam ^{24.} _____ (try) to repeat it. Unfortunately, Liam ^{25.} _____ (also seem) to have difficulty learning foreign languages. I just hope we don't get lost and have to ask for directions!