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!