PRACTICE

1. Select the correct verb form for each sentence

a) The Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao **houses / is housing** Spain's largest collection of Modern Art.
b) We **try out / are trying out** a new paper supplier at the moment. The old one was too expensive.
c) The children **don't eat /aren't eating** sweets and chocolate before they go to bed at night. It's bad for their teeth.
d) These animals **display /are displaying** a great deal of aggression if disturbed.
e) We currently **show/are showing** the film Star Wars at all Odeon cinemas in the region.
f) The weather forecast says there'll be wind from the north-west tonight. That always **brings/is bringing** snow with it at this time of year.
g) The rubbish collectors come/are coming on Fridays in this area. They **don't take /aren't taking** rubbish not left in black plastic bags.
h) You **always complain/ are always complaining** and it really gets on my nerves! Why can't you just accept things and relax?
i) **Does the orchestra play/ Is the orchestra playing** at the Town Hall this week? I'd really like to see their new concert.
j) Swimming **provides / is providing** exercise for more muscle groups than any other physical activity.

2. Complete the sentences with the Present Simple or Continuous

1 The girl in the painting ***is playing*** the guitar. (**play**)

2 My dog's not dangerous. He _____. (**not bite**)

3 Why_____ you_____ sunglasses? It _____! (**wear, rain**)

4 You can turn off the radio. I_____ to it. (**not listen**)

5 I_____ to go to the bank. I _____ any money (**need, not have**)

6 Be careful! The baby _____ that pen in her mouth! (**put**)

7 A _____ you usually _____at weekends? (**cook**)

B No, we normally _____out. (**eat**)

8 A What _____you _____here? (**do**)

B I _____for Emma. She's late, as usual. (**wait**)

9 I usually drink tea, but I _____a coffee today (want)

10 My sister _____from 9 to 5 .She's a secretary. (work)

11 We _____in Paris, but we _____in the Nice at the moment. (live, stay)

12 _____your English _____better? (get)

13 Let's go out. It _____now. (not rain)

14 I _____ with some friends until I find a place of my own (live)

15 My parents _____in Salta. They have lived there all their lives (live)

16 The water _____.Be careful. (boil)

17 I _____Mary is Canadian. I'm not sure. (think)

18 Nicky _____of giving up her job. (not think)

3. Are the underlined verbs OK? Correct them where necessary.

1	Water boils at 100 degrees Celsius.	OK
2	How often are you going to the cinema?	do you go
3	Ben tries to find a job, but he hasn't had any luck yet.	
4	Martina is phoning her mother every day.	
5	The moon goes round the earth in about 27 days.	
6	Can you hear those people? What do they talk about?	
7	What do you do in your spare time?	
8	Sarah is a vegetarian. She doesn't eat meat.	
9	I must go now. It gets late.	
10	'Come on! It's time to leave.' 'OK, I come.'	
11	Paul is never late. He's always starting work on time.	
12	They don't get on well. They're always arguing.	