Check 3 Present tenses

1 Complete the sentences. Use the present simple, present continuous, present perfect simple, present perfect continuous or past simple of the verbs in brackets.

1 Anthony isn't usually easy to get on with but he ..... very co-operative these days. (be)

2 What ..... of her? Will she be easy to work with? (you / think)

3 I can't talk now. We ..... a meeting. I'll ring you later. (have)

4 Jessica ..... back from work and she's exhausted. (just / come)

5 I ..... Bertha for ages. Where is she? (not see)

6 He ..... his car. Someone bought it last week. (already / sell)

7 How long ..... that you're going to have a baby? (you / know)

8 She ..... unemployed for a long time but thankfully, she's got a job now. (be)

9 I ..... to contact them for days but they ..... any of my calls yet. (try, not return)

10 I ..... his latest book but I ..... it yet. (read, not finish)

11 Terry ..... the kitchen all morning. He must be exhausted! (paint)

12 I ..... preparing dinner yet so I'd better hurry. (not start)

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2 Circle the correct answer.

The Tower of London (13) *survived / has survived* centuries of warfare but it could vanish from sight in the twenty-first century, experts (14) *warned / have warned* yesterday. The ancient fortress, which (15) *dominates / has dominated* the city skyline for almost a thousand years, could be placed on a United Nations list of endangered landmarks because developers (16) *put up / are putting up* new buildings in the area and a number of high-rise buildings (17) *ruin / are ruining* views of the famous World Heritage site, according to the UN's cultural body UNESCO.

British officials have until the end of the month to show UNESCO that they can save the Tower. If not, the Tower could be put on UNESCO's World Heritage in Danger list. UNESCO inspectors (18) *visited / have visited* London last year after they received a damning report that the City of London (19) *doesn't appear / isn't appearing* to do enough to protect the setting of some of Britain's important sites. Other buildings under threat (20) *include / are including* Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament.

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3 Complete the article. Use the present simple, present continuous, present perfect simple or present perfect continuous of the verbs in brackets.

According to research, the demand for alternative medicine (21) ..... (rise) recently and approximately 20 per cent of the UK's population regularly (22) ..... (turn) to alternative treatments when they (23) ..... (be) ill. Consequently, more and more British doctors (24) ..... (offer) their patients choices of treatment these days and many of them (25) ..... (usually / combine) alternative treatments with conventional medicine.

Although alternative medicine (26) ..... (become) increasingly popular, doctors (27) ..... (disagree) about whether or not the treatments are effective. Of course, people (28) ..... (use) alternative medicine for hundreds of years but many practitioners of conventional medicine (29) ..... (claim) that so far they (30) ..... (not see) any convincing proof that alternative treatments are safe or effective.

Today, the most widely practised alternative treatments are acupuncture, aromatherapy, massage and herbal medicine but other forms of treatment (31) ..... (also / gain) in popularity.

What about you? (32) ..... (you / ever / try) an alternative treatment? If so, was it successful? Send your views and experiences to:

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4 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using the word in bold. Use between two and five words.

33 How long have you lived in this house? **move**
When ..... to this house?

34 I started cooking an hour ago. **been**
I ..... an hour.

35 I haven't seen Vasily for a few days. **since**
It's a few days .....
Vasily.

36 She paid back the money she owed me very quickly. **already**
She ..... the money she owed me.

37 A minute ago Katsu told me he has got a new job. **just**
Katsu ..... me he has got a new job.

38 They started working this morning and they are still working. **been**
They ..... this morning.

39 They have never been to Paris before. **ever**
This is the first time
..... to Paris.

40 When did you meet your wife? **known**
How long ..... your wife?

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