

- 1 A: Tortoises ...*live*... (live) to be very old.  
B: I've heard of one which is over a hundred years old.
- 2 A: Are you still busy?  
B: Yes. I ..... (read) this article for an hour and I still ..... (not/finish) .....
- 3 A: More and more people ..... (go) to university these days.  
B: Yes. I think it's a good thing.
- 4 A: I ..... (have) a party tonight. Do you want to come?  
B: Yes. What time does it start?
- 5 A: Why are your shoes wet?  
B: I ..... (wash) the car.
- 6 A: What's the matter?  
B: I ..... (break) my ankle.
- 7 A: What do I need to do next?  
B: You ..... (add) the sugar to the mixture and you ..... (mix) it well.
- 8 A: Who ..... (use) my car?  
B: I have.
- 9 A: Are you new here?  
B: No. Actually, I ..... (live) here for almost ten years.
- 10 A: Pete is playing his music very loud.  
B: Again! He ..... (always/do) that!
- 11 A: Have you made plans for Saturday yet?  
B: I ..... (go) to the cinema with Jack.
- 12 A: Mr Collins is a very good teacher.  
B: Well, he ..... (teach) Maths for twenty-five years, you know.
- 13 A: Are you going to the concert on Saturday night?  
B: Yes. Actually, I ..... (already/buy) the tickets.
- 14 A: Hello, Simon.  
B: Oh! We ..... (always/meet) each other in this supermarket.

Dear Kathleen,

I **1**) ...*'m writing*... (write) to tell you my news. My school **2**) ..... (choose) me to spend six weeks at a school in the USA. I'm very happy about it!

At the moment, I **3**) ..... (pack) things for my trip, because I **4**) ..... (leave) next week. My mother **5**) ..... (book) the ticket.

I **6**) ..... (wait) for this opportunity for ages, so I'm very excited. I **7**) ..... (finish) reading two books about the USA and I **8**) ..... (borrow) another one from the school library. I **9**) ..... (become) more and more nervous every day!

Well, I must go now. I've got a lot of things to do. I'll write to you from the USA.

Love,

Tracy

**b) Which of the present forms in the text above are used to express:**

- 1 actions which happened at an unstated time in the past
- 2 actions which started in the past and continue up to the present with emphasis on duration
- 3 actions happening at or around the moment of speaking
- 4 changing and developing situations
- 5 actions that we have arranged to do in the near future

- 1 A: Linda ...*is learning*... (learn) to drive at the moment.  
B: I know. She told me last week.
- 2 A: Has Alan got a job?  
B: Oh yes. He ..... (be) the manager of a leisure centre.
- 3 A: Do you want to have a break now?  
B: Not yet. I ..... (write) a report for tomorrow's meeting.
- 4 A: It's ten o'clock. Have you given the manager his letters?  
B: Yes, and I ..... (also/type) six reports so far this morning.
- 5 A: Is Jeff still in the garden?  
B: Yes. He ..... (plant) flowers all afternoon.
- 6 A: That author is very well-known, isn't she?  
B: Yes. She ..... (write) twenty novels so far.
- 7 A: You look very happy today.  
B: I am. I ..... (just/hear) some good news.
- 8 A: What time ..... (the play/start) tonight?  
B: Seven o'clock, I think.
- 9 A: Are you new to this company?  
B: Not really. In fact, I ..... (work) here for almost two years.
- 10 A: Are you ready for the concert?  
B: Yes. I ..... (practise) for weeks.
- 11 A: Do you do any exercise at all?  
B: Yes. I ..... (do) some three times a week.

