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Lesson 10 / Tom's Diner by Suzanne Vega

goals
listening vocabulary
Present Continuous positive forming
prepositions of place
Present simple affirmative forming (do or are)



1 Watch, listen and enjoy.

"Tom's Diner", lyrics

I am sitting in the morning
At the diner on the corner
I am waiting at the counter
For the man to pour the coffee

And he fills it only halfway
And before I even argue
He is looking out the window
At somebody coming in

"It is always nice to see you,"
Says the man behind the counter
To the woman who has come in
She is shaking her umbrella

And I look the other way
As they are kissing their hellos
And I'm pretending not to see them
And instead I pour the milk

I open up the paper
There's a story of an actor
Who had died while he was drinking
It was no one I had heard of

And I'm turning to the horoscope
And looking for the funnies
When I'm feeling someone watching me
And so I raise my head

There's a woman on the outside
Looking inside
Does she see me?
No she does not really see me
'Cause she sees her own reflection

And I'm trying not to notice
That she's hitching up her skirt
And while she's straightening her stockings
Her hair has gotten wet

Oh, this rain
It will continue through the morning
As I'm listening to the bells of the cathedral

I am thinking of your voice
And of the midnight picnic once upon a time before the rain began

And I finish up my coffee
And it's time to catch the train

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2 Listen and fill in the gaps with the missing prepositions

I am sitting ____ the morning
____ the diner ____ the corner
I am waiting ____ the counter
____ the man to pour the coffee

3 Listen and put in the verbs in brackets in the correct form

And he ____ (fill) it only halfway
And before I even ____ (fill)
He ____ (look out) the window
At somebody coming in

"It ____ (be) always nice to see you,"
____ (say) the man behind the counter
To the woman who ____ (come in)
She ____ (shake) her umbrella

4 Listen and read. Fill in the gaps with the verb to be in the correct form

And I look the other way	I	pretending not to see them
As they are kissing their hellos	You	pretending not to see them
And I'm pretending not to see them	She	pretending not to see them
And instead I pour the milk	They	pretending not to see them

I open up the paper
There ____ a story of an actor
Who had died while he ____ drinking
It ____ no one I had heard of

5 Listen and read. Find mistakes, retype the lines in the correct form

And I turning to the horoscope
And looking for the funnies
When I'm feel someone watch me
And so I raise my head

6 Listen and read.

There's a woman on the outside
Looking inside
Does she see me?
No she does not really see me
'Cause she sees her own reflection

Complete the questions with one word in each gap.

____ there a woman on the outside?
____ she see me?
What ____ she see?

7 Listen and read

And I'm trying not to notice
That she's hitching up her skirt
And while she's straightening her stockings
Her hair has gotten wet

8 Listen and read. Order the words in the sentence.

Oh, this rain
It will continue through the morning
I'm thinking of the bells of your voice as I listen to the cathedral

And of the midnight picnic once upon a time before the rain began
And I finish up my coffee
And it's time to catch the train

9 Listen and read the lyrics out loud

10 Match the contractions 1-3 with what they stand for

1. I'm =
2. she's =
3. it's =
4. there's =
5. they're =

11 Match the words with their meanings

12 Then read the words and the definitions out loud

a diner	To put something in a container until it's halfway full.
a counter	To search or try to find something.
to pour	A place where people go to eat, often with a menu and a counter.
to fill halfway	The image you see in a mirror or in water.
to look out at	To make a liquid flow out of a container.
to shake	A long, flat surface where you can put things, often found in a kitchen or at a diner.
to pretend	To move something quickly back and forth.
to look for	To watch or see something that is outside, often through a window.
a reflection	To act as if something is true when it is not.
once upon a time	A way to start a story, often used in fairy tales to mean "a long time ago."

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