The Simple Present and Present Continuous Tenses

A. Fill in the blanks with the simple present and the present continuous tense of the verbs in the brackets.

1. My father _____ (read) the newspaper daily.

   He _____ (read) it now.

2. The cleaners _____ (sweep) the building now.

   They _____ (sweep) twice a day every day.

3. I always _____ (write) to my pen pal.

   I _____ (write) to her now.

4. My mother _____ (clean) the floor now.

   She _____ it four times a week.

5. The students always _____ (listen) to their teacher.

   They _____ (listen) to her explanation now.

6. Mary _____ (study) now.

   She always _____ (study) in the evening.

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7. We _____ (help) our teachers now.

We _____ (help) them every day.

8. The dog often _____ (bark) and

it _____ (bark) now.

9. I _____ (visit) my grandmother frequently and

I _____ (visit) her now.

10. The cock _____ (crow) every morning.

It _____ (crow) now.

B. Read the dialogue carefully. Then fill in the blanks with the simple present and the present continuous tenses of the verbs in the brackets.

Ali : Hassan, I have never seen that man before.

Who (1) _____ (be) he and what

(2) _____ he (do) here?

Hassan : I (3) _____ (not know). But I (4) _____

(think) he (5) _____ (look) for something.

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He may have lost something.

Ali : But he (6) _____ (look) suspicious to me. Probably he is a robber and he (7) _____ (study) the area closely. Look! He (8)_____ (come) towards us. I (9) _____ (think) we better run.

Hassan : Wait, Ali. Let's see what he (10) _____ (want) from us.

Man : Hello, boys, I (11) _____ (be) sorry to bother you but I've lost my way. Is this place Jurong East?

Ali and Hassan: Yes, Sir. Which black (12) _____ you _____ (look) far?

Man : I (13)_____ (look) for Block 222. I (14) _____ (seem) not to be able to find the block.

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Hassan : Oh, the black (15) _____ (be) further down the road. You can't see it from here.

Man : No wonder I couldn't find it. Thank for your help.

Ali and Hassan: You're welcome.

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