

## 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.

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.

**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 block (12) \_\_\_\_\_ you  
\_\_\_\_\_ (look) far?

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

**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.