

Put the verbs in brackets into the correct present tense.

1 Mrs Jones: My daughter never (write) to me so I never (know) what she (do).  
Your son (write) to you, Mrs Smith?

Mrs Smith: Yes, I (hear) from him every week. He (seem) to like writing letters.

2 These apples (cost) 40p a bag. You (think) that is expensive?  
It (depend) on the size of the bag.

3 I (see) my solicitor tomorrow (*/ have arranged this*), I (change) my will.  
You always (change) your will. Why you (not leave) it alone?

4 You (look) very thoughtful. What you (think) about?  
I (think) about my retirement.  
But you're only 25. You only just (start) your career.  
I (know); but I (read) an article which (say) that a sensible man (start) thinking  
about retirement at 25.

5 My next door neighbour always (knock) on my door and (ask) me lend her  
10p pieces.  
What she (do) with them? ~  
She (put) them in her gas meter. I really (not mind) lending her a few 10p pieces  
but what (annoy) me is that she (know) how many she (need) each week but  
never (take) the trouble to bring the right number home.

6 What she (do) if she (run out) of them when you are away?  
Oh, she (borrow) from her other neighbour, Mr White; but this (take) longer  
because he always (want) her to stay and chat and she (find) quite hard to get  
away from him.

7 How much she (owe) you now?  
I (not know); I (not keep) an account. Anyway she (leave) next week; she (get)  
married. I (try) to think of a suitable wedding present,

8 Why you (not offer) to cancel her debt?  
That (sound) rather a mean sort of present. Anyway she probably (not realize)  
that she (owe) me money.

9 My brother (say) that people who (owe) him money always (seem) forget  
about it, but people he (owe) money to always (remember) exactly.

10 I (not think) your brother (enjoy) the party. He (keep) looking at his watch.

Oh, I'm sure he (enjoy) it. He always (enjoy) your parties. But I (know) he (want) to be home early tonight because he (expect) an important telephone call.

11 Jack: How much longer you (stay) in England?

Paul: Only one more day. I (leave) tomorrow night. I (go) to Holland for two weeks.

12 Jack: And you (come) back to England after that or you (go) home?

Paul: It (depend) on my father. But if he (agree) to let me go on studying here, I'll certainly come back. And I (expect) he will agree.

13 Paul: By the way, Jack, Ann (see) me off at Victoria tomorrow. Why you (not come) too? You could have coffee with her afterwards.

*(Paul is advising/inviting Jack to come and see him off.)*

14 You (see) that man at the corner of the street? He is a private detective. He (watch) No.24.

How you (know) he (watch) No. 24?

Because whenever anyone (come) out of, or (go) into, the house he (make) a note in his little book.

15 What all those people (do) in the middle of the street? And why they (wear) such extraordinary clothes?

They (make) a film. Most of the crowd are local people who (work) as extras.

16 It (sound) great fun. You (think) I could get a job as a film extra?

I (not know) but I (see) Ann over there; when they (finish) this scene I'll ask her if they still (take) on extras.

17 Ann (act) in the film?

She has a small part. She (not act) very well. I (imagine) she got the part because she (know) the director.

18 My brother (live) next door and his two children (come) and (see) me every day. The boy (not bother) to knock at the door; he just (climb) in through the window; but the girl always (knock).

19 Tom: We (move) into our new house tomorrow.

Bill: But why you (leave) your present house? It (suit) you all.

Tom: Yes, I (know) it (do); but the Council (pull down) all the houses on this side. They (widen) the road. They (say) it's a bottleneck.

20 If you (ask) a friend if she (like) your new dress she usually (say) 'Yes'; so you (not know) whether she really (think) it (suit) you or whether she merely (be) polite.