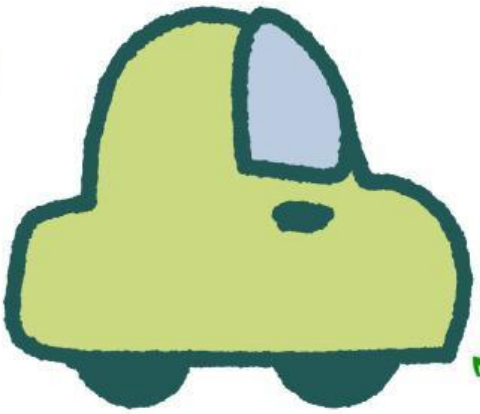
B2. Present tenses

1 **Choose the correct sentence from each pair.**



1 a My brother lives with us until he can find a flat of his own.
b My brother is living with us until he can find a flat of his own. ✓

2 a Megan goes to Hong Kong every January.
b Megan's going to Hong Kong every January.

3 a I don't have enough money for a long holiday this year.
b I'm not having enough money for a long holiday this year.

4 a Everyone needs a break from work sometimes.
b Everyone is needing a break from work sometimes.

5 a What period of history do you study this term?
b What period of history are you studying this term?

6 a The team manager looks bad-tempered in public, but he's always being very kind to young players.
b The team manager looks bad-tempered in public, but he's always very kind to young players.

2 **Complete these sentences with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs.**

1 My father knows (*know*) all about mending cars, but nothing about bicycles.
2 This pie _____ (*smell*) a bit odd. What's in it?
3 I _____ (*like*) the jacket of this suit, but unfortunately the trousers _____ (*not fit*) me any more.
4 You're very quiet this evening. What _____ (*you / think*) about?
5 Who _____ (*be*) that man? Why _____ (*your sister / be*) so rude to him? She _____ (*have*) such beautiful manners normally.

3 **Fill in the gaps with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs.**

1 **Alex:** Why are you wearing (*you / wear*) my coat?
Ben: Oh, I'm sorry. It _____ (*look*) like mine in this light.

2 **Carl:** I _____ (*have*) no idea what this sentence _____ (*mean*). Can you translate it?
Donna: No, sorry. I _____ (*not understand*) it either.

3 **Eddie:** _____ (*you / see*) those men near the door? They _____ (*look*) at us very strangely.
Fergus: Yes. You're right. _____ (*you / recognise*) them from anywhere?
Eddie: No, but they certainly _____ (*seem*) to know us. They _____ (*come*) across to speak to us.

4 **Gina:** What _____ (*you / do*) in the kitchen? Our guests _____ (*wait*) for their dessert, and you _____ (*get*) in my way!
Hamid: I just _____ (*want*) to be somewhere quiet for a while. Everyone _____ (*be*) so noisy this evening! I _____ (*not know*) why – it's very unusual.

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