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1 Choose the correct forms.

1 The Earth *has / is having* a population of 6.7 billion people.
2 The climate of the Earth *becomes / is becoming* warmer at the moment.
3 As you move towards the equator, the temperature *becomes / is becoming* warmer.
4 You live in France now but where *do you come / are you coming* from originally?
5 My family *lives / is living* in Nigeria for two years. After that we'll move to Alaska.
6 Sorry, I can't hear you because I *stand / 'm standing* on the platform at the train station.
7 The train *comes / is coming* into the station now. I'll be home in ten minutes.
8 This car *never starts / is never starting* in the winter.
9 How often *do you take / are you taking* a holiday?
10 *Do you understand / Are you understanding* what I'm saying?

2 Complete the article about an internet businessman. Use the present simple or present continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

A day in the life of Simon Nixon of www.moneysupermarket.com

I normally [1] ..... (get up) at seven o'clock, but this week I [2] ..... (start) work earlier because it's a busy period. I [3] ..... (usually arrive) at work by nine and I [4] ..... (check) my emails. Today, I [5] ..... (work) on reports on our websites because these tell me how many people [6] ..... (currently visit) our websites. For example, we [7] ..... (have) about six million visitors every month and this number [8] ..... (increase). We [9] ..... (also make) a lot of improvements to our sites at the moment. The internet business is very competitive and it [10] ..... (get) harder to stay at the top.



3 Complete the interview for a school magazine. Use the present simple form of the verbs in brackets. Then listen and check.

Gabi Teschner, a German exchange student, is spending three months in the USA.

Interviewer: What [1] do you notice (notice) about students in the USA?
Gabi: They [2] get up (get up) very early for school.
Interviewer: What time [3] ..... (school/start) in Germany?
Gabi: We also [4] ..... (begin) at eight o'clock but in the USA the school day [5] ..... (last) longer. Also the timetable [6] ..... (not give) much time for breaks and lunch.


Gabi Teschner

Interviewer: What [7] ..... (you think) of American food, Gabi?
Gabi: I [8] ..... (like) the breakfasts because they are similar to Germany but the school lunch [9] ..... (not taste) very good. It's always burgers or pizza and fries.



Interviewer: And what [10] ..... (students do) in their free time?
Gabi: Sport is very important in the USA so they [11] ..... (play) baseball or football after school.



Interviewer: [12] ..... (you play) these sports in Germany?
Gabi: Yes, I'm in a women's football team but we [13] ..... (not use) an oval ball. Our footballs, or soccer balls, are round!

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