

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

*Our customer promise*

- Best price
- Most comprehensive
- Clear & impartial
- Trustworthy
- Supportive



Simon Nixon, Founder

**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 <sup>1</sup> *do you notice* (notice) about students in the USA?

Gabi: They <sup>2</sup> *get up* (get up) very early for school.

Interviewer: What time <sup>3</sup> ..... (school/start) in Germany?

Gabi: We also <sup>4</sup> ..... (begin) at eight o'clock but in the USA the school day <sup>5</sup> ..... (last) longer. Also the timetable <sup>6</sup> ..... (not give) much time for breaks and lunch.



Gabi Teschner

Interviewer: What <sup>7</sup> ..... (you think) of American food, Gabi?

Gabi: I <sup>8</sup> ..... (like) the breakfasts because they are similar to Germany but the school lunch <sup>9</sup> ..... (not taste) very good. It's always burgers or pizza and fries.



Interviewer: And what <sup>10</sup> ..... (students do) in their free time?

Gabi: Sport is very important in the USA so they <sup>11</sup> ..... (play) baseball or football after school.



Interviewer: <sup>12</sup> ..... (you play) these sports in Germany?

Gabi: Yes, I'm in a women's football team but we <sup>13</sup> ..... (not use) an oval ball. Our footballs, or soccer balls, are round!