

*Simple Present (1)*

- Q1 Andrew Smodley is a natural worrier. It is something he has ..... from his father — the king of all worriers.  
(a) received (b) left (c) earned (d) inherited
- Q2 But then there are those who are never happy unless they have a problem to .....  
(a) dissolve (b) solve (c) cut (d) release
- Q3 Andrew worried about the weather, the state of the pound, his health, the cost of ..... and once he even worried because he thought he wasn't worrying enough.  
(a) life (b) existence (c) living (d) existing
- Q4 But that was in the past. Things have changed because something happened to him exactly two years .....  
(a) ago (b) gone (c) passed (d) over
- Q5 It was in the spring when leaves appear on trees and nature prepares herself for renewal. Other things happen too — people ..... in love.  
(a) tumble (b) drop (c) decline (d) fall
- Q6 Now Andrew doesn't have a romantic ..... He never looks up at the leaves starting to grow, sighs and says: "Ah, here comes the spring!"  
(a) constitution (b) disposition (c) institution (d) position
- Q7 He simply thinks to himself: "I live in a small village by a little stream and ..... this time of year lots of creatures start to wake up and make a lot of noise."  
(a) across (b) through (c) around (d) against
- Q8 "In London, which ..... on the river Thames, people make a lot of noise all the time."  
(a) stands (b) holds (c) begins (d) sits
- Q9 I apologise for the simplicity of these ..... but I want to illustrate the unimaginative nature which Andrew possesses.  
(a) declamations (b) requirements (c) mentions (d) statements
- Q10 Towards the end of this story I give examples to show the extent of the change he .....  
(a) undertook (b) underwent (c) understood (d) underdid