

## *Simple Present (1)*

Q1 Andrew Smudley 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