EXERCISES: PRESENT TENSES

II. Choose the correct option.

1. We _____ **(have been walking / have walked)** since 3:00.
2. How long _____ **(has she spoken / has she been speaking)** to that customer?
3. Paul _____ **(has bought / has been buying)** three shirts.
4. They _____ **(haven't explored / haven't been exploring)** the market all day.
5. _____ **(Have you been knowing / Have you known)** Alex since you started school?

III. Fill in *has/have been to/in*, *has/have gone to*.

1. Bertha's not here. She _____ the library.
2. I _____ Madrid, but I only spent a few days there.
3. "How long _____ you _____ Birmingham?"
   "For nearly two years."
4. Tom is alone because his parents _____ the seaside.
5. Julia _____ the supermarket — she'll be back in about an hour.

IV. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct present tenses.

New message

Hi John,

First of all, sorry I 1) _____ (not/write) for so long, but I was on holiday. 2) _____ (you/get) your exam results yet? I'm sure you 3) _____ (pass) them all since you always 4) _____ (study) so hard. I 5) _____ (wait) for mine at the moment, and I 6) _____ (try) not to worry! Well, I 7) _____ (write) from my new flat. Yes, I 8) _____ (move) house! Now, we 9) _____ (paint) and 10) _____ (clean) the place to make it look nice. When it's finished, I want to have a party and, because I 11) _____ (not/see) you for weeks, I 12) _____ (want) you to come.

Write soon and let me know if I'll see you there.

Talk soon,

Mary

V. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct present tenses.

1. Alan _____ (fly) to Barcelona tonight. He _____ (already/pack) his suitcase, but he _____ (not/call) a taxi yet. His plane _____ (leave) at 8 pm.
2. Ann and Sally _____ (be) flatmates. They sometimes _____ (argue) because Sally _____ (always/make) a mess in the kitchen.
3. "Look over there! It's John Cooper." "Oh yes! But he _____ (look) so different! He _____ (put on) at least 15 kilos, and I _____ (think) he _____ (wear) a police uniform."

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4. Ever since the accident, Susan _____ (be) afraid to drive. Next week, she _____ (see) a psychologist who _____ (specialise) in that sort of problem.
5. "What a great match! Johnson _____ (pass) the ball to Green, who _____ (shoot) and _____ (score)!"
6. "What on earth _____ (you/do)? Your clothes are all dirty!" "Well, I _____ (work) in the garden all day. Look! I _____ (already/plant) a lot of flowers. I _____ (plan) to cut the grass now."

VI. Choose the correct option.

1. James ___ to my email yet. Maybe he's on holiday.
   A. doesn't reply B. isn't replying C. hasn't replied
2. Mike always ___ up early on weekdays.
   A. gets B. is getting C. has got
3. Your French ___ all the time, Sally.
   A. improves B. is improving C. has improved
4. I ___ a cake; that's why the kitchen is such a mess.
   A. make B. Making C. have been making
5. The plane ___ at 9:30 tomorrow morning.
   A. arrives B. is arriving C. has arrived
6. Alice ___ for a job at the moment.
   A. looks B. is looking C. has looked
7. This soup ___ delicious. What did you put in it?
   A. smells B. is smelling C. has smelt
8. Their baby ___ to walk.
   A. just starts B. has just started C. has just been starting
9. We ___ a party next Saturday. Would you like to come?
   A. have B. are having C. have had
10. I ___ for an hour and the bus still hasn't come.
   A. am waiting B. have waited C. have been waiting
11. I ___ this film three times already.
   A. see B. am seeing C. have seen
12. Melanie ___ at her father's shop every day this week.
   A. works B. is working C. has worked
13. I can't get in the house. I ___ my keys.
   A. lose B. am losing C. have lost
14. There ___ Luke on his new bicycle!
   A. goes B. is going C. has gone
15. I ___ the book you lent me. I'm really enjoying it.
   A. read B. have read C. have been reading
16. ___ you ever been to Lyon?
   A. Do B. Are C. Have

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