

## 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."

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