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Put each verb in brackets into the most suitable present tense.

- a) I hear (hear) that you have been promoted. Congratulations!
- b) British people (drink) more and more wine, apparently.
- c) I hope Sarah will be here soon. I (depend) on her.
- d) Please be quiet! You (continually interrupt).
- e) Hey, you! What (you think) you're doing?
- f) Could you come here please? I (want) to talk to you now.
- g) Jane is away on holiday so Linda (handle) her work.
- h) To be honest, I (doubt) whether Jim will be here next week.
- i) You've only just started the job, haven't you? How (you get on)?
- j) Pay no attention to Graham. He (just be) sarcastic again.

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Rewrite each sentence, beginning as shown, so that the meaning stays the same.

- a) What's your opinion of Ted's new book?
What do you think of Ted's new book?
- b) Nigel keeps interrupting me.
Nigel is.....
- c) What is the meaning of this word?
What does.....
- d) The number of people who own bicycles is increasing.
More and more people.....
- e) What about going to that new film at the Rex tonight?
How do
- f) What is the weight of that piece of meat?
How much
- g) Never mind about the price, just buy it!
The price.....
- h) There's a smell of onions in this room.
This room.....
- i) What is inside the box?
What does.....
- j) Paul has flu.
Paul is.....

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Put each verb in brackets into the most suitable present tense.

I work in a large office with about thirty other people, most of whom I (1) know (know) quite well. We (2) (spend) most of the day together, so we have all become friends. In fact, most of my colleagues are so interesting, that I (3) (think) of writing a book about them! (4) (take) Helen Watson, for example. Helen (5) (run) the accounts department. At the moment she (6) (go out) with Keith Ballantine, one of the sales representatives, and they (7) (seem) very happy together. But everyone (except Helen apparently) (8) (know) that Keith (9) (always make) eyes at Susan Porter. But I (10) (happen) to know that Susan (11) (dislike) Keith. 'I can't stand people who (12) (apologise) all the time!' she told me. 'And besides, I know he (13) (deceive) poor Helen. He (14) (see) Betty Wills from the overseas department.' And plenty of other interesting things (15)