


GRAMMAR

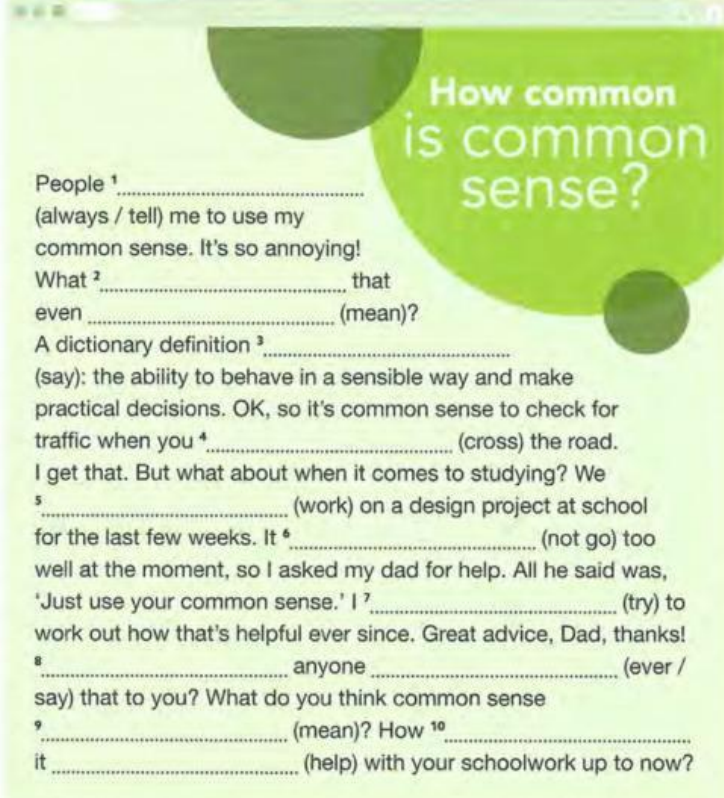
present tenses

- 1** Choose the correct meaning (A or B) for each sentence.
- My dad works nights so we don't see much of him in the week.
 - A This is true just this week.
 - B This is true every week.
 - Why are you wearing your coat in the house?
 - A I'm asking about this moment.
 - B I'm asking about a changing situation around now.
 - Why are things going up in price?
 - A I'm asking about this moment.
 - B I'm asking about a changing situation around now.
 - You're always taking my bike without asking!
 - A You've got my bike now and I want it back.
 - B You do this a lot and it annoys me.
 - So, she shows me her phone and she's laughing. I read the text and I feel like crying. Then she just walks off!
 - A This happened in the past but I want to make my story more real.
 - B This is happening now, so it's a real story.
 - You've cut your hair. It looks great.
 - A I can see the result of a past change.
 - B I know when you changed your appearance.
 - You've been chatting on that phone for hours.
 - A You've talked to your friends already today.
 - B You're still talking.

- 2** Find and correct four mistakes in the sentences. If the sentence is correct, write 'correct'.
- We don't know each other for long, but we get on very well.
 - How long have you been learning to play the bongo drums?
 - You're always criticising me! It's just not fair!
 - I'm hot because I run round the park.
 - I broke my phone two days ago so I don't message my friends for ages.
 - Have you checked out that new video yet?
 - All my friends are spending every Saturday afternoon at the football.
 - To be honest, I'm a creature of habit. I don't often try new things.

- 3** Choose the correct words to complete the conversation.
- A: Oh, this ¹looks / is looking fun!
 B: What ²are you looking / do you look at?
 A: One of those personality quizzes: 'How adventurous are you?' Shall we do it together?
 B: Hmm, ³I'm not really enjoying / I don't really enjoy quizzes like that.
 A: Oh, come on! We ⁴haven't done / don't do anything like this for ages. It'll be a laugh. The first question is about food: How many new types of food ⁵have you tried / have you been trying so far this year? One to five, six to ten or eleven to fifteen?
 B: Maybe one to five. ⁶I've never been / I never am very adventurous with food.
 A: OK. The next one is about meeting new people: You ⁷stand / are standing alone at a party How do you make contact? Walk over to a group and say hi, find one friendly person, or...?
 B: I'm sorry but I ⁸get / I'm getting a bit bored with this quiz already.
 A: Oh, don't be like that! It's only a bit of fun.
 B: Yes, but ⁹I've had / I've been having enough now. I think I'll go home.
 A: Oh, ¹⁰you've always been walking / you're always walking off like that.
 B: That's not true! I just don't always like what you like.

- 4**  1.1 Listen and check your answers to Ex 3.
- 5** Complete the blog with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use short forms where possible.



How common is common sense?

People ¹.....
 (always / tell) me to use my common sense. It's so annoying!
 What ²..... that even (mean)?
 A dictionary definition ³.....
 (say): the ability to behave in a sensible way and make practical decisions. OK, so it's common sense to check for traffic when you ⁴..... (cross) the road. I get that. But what about when it comes to studying? We ⁵..... (work) on a design project at school for the last few weeks. It ⁶..... (not go) too well at the moment, so I asked my dad for help. All he said was, 'Just use your common sense.' I ⁷..... (try) to work out how that's helpful ever since. Great advice, Dad, thanks!
⁸..... anyone (ever / say) that to you? What do you think common sense ⁹..... (mean)? How ¹⁰..... it (help) with your schoolwork up to now?