◇ PRACTICE 1. The simple present and the present progressive.

(Charts 2-1 and 2-2)

Directions: Complete the sentences by using either the simple present or the present progressive of the verbs in the list. Include any words given in parentheses. Use each verb only once.

belong	fail	scream	tape
bite	fight	shine	try
bleed	mean	shrink	whisper
blow	own	sleep	

1. It's a gray day today. The sun (not) _____.
2. The bank lent us money for a down payment, so now we (own) _____ the house we used to rent.
3. Shhh! I _____ to concentrate. I can't hear myself think with all that noise going on.
4. This book is mine. That one _____ to Pierre.
5. Shhh! The baby _____. We don't want to wake him up.
6. **A:** Juan! What's the matter with your hand? It _____.
   B: I just cut it when I was using a knife. It's not serious. I'll wash it and put a bandage on it.
7. **A:** My marks in school are terrible this term. I _____ three of my courses.
   B: Maybe you can improve your grades before the end of the term if you start studying harder.
8. That sweater won't fit you if you wash it in hot water. Wool _____ in hot water.
9. Look at Joan. She _____ her fingernails. She must be nervous.
10. The children can't get their kite high up in the air because the wind (not) _____ _____ hard enough today.
11. My two children don't get along. It seems they (always) _____ about something. Is that typical of siblings?
12. You can hear Tommy all over the house. Why (he) _____? I'd better see what's wrong.
13. "Singular" _____ "one."
14. Alice and John! Why (you) _____ to each other? If you have something important to say, say it aloud to all of us.
15. Kareem has his tape recorder on his desk. He _____ the professor's lecture today.

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