

# Grammar in Use

## Present Tenses

1. Mark the tenses with **PS** (present simple), **PC** (present continuous), **PPS** (present perfect simple), **PPC** (present perfect continuous). Then match them to the correct descriptions.

1	<b>a</b>	<b>PC</b>	They <i>are moving</i> to Australia this summer.
2			I usually <i>have</i> lunch at about 1 o'clock.
3			Derek <i>is watching</i> a new DVD now.
4			My cousin <i>lives</i> in Wales.
5			The train <i>leaves</i> at 5:30.
6			China <i>is becoming</i> more and more powerful.
7			I <i>have been trying</i> to call mum for an hour.
8			My sister <i>is always borrowing</i> my clothes.
9			She <i>can't play</i> . She <i>has broken</i> her leg.
10			Water <i>boils</i> at 100 °C and <i>freezes</i> at 0 °C.

- a** fixed arrangement in the near future
- b** permanent situations/states
- c** actions taking place at or around the moment of speaking; temporary situations
- d** action started in the past and continuing up to the present with emphasis on duration
- e** changing or developing situations
- f** recently completed action with the evidence in the present
- g** permanent truths or laws of nature
- h** repeated action with 'always' expressing annoyance, irritation or criticism
- i** timetables/programmes
- j** repeated/habitual action (especially with frequency adverbs)

2. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct present tense.

- 1) She *(move)* house next week.
- 2) *(you/wait)* for a long time?

3) They *(convert)* the old mill into a beautiful new home at the moment.

4) The Earth *(become)* warmer and warmer.

5) The bus *(come)* every ten minutes.

6) Bob can't move house now because he *(sign)* a two-year contract.

7) Look! You *(spill)* coffee all over my desk!

8) He *(drink)* five cups of coffee every day.

**3. Fill in: *has/have been to*, *has/have been in* or *has/have gone to*.**

1) Alistair *the cinema to see the new Superman film.*

2) I *that café many times.*

3) Mum and dad *the supermarket this morning but they haven't bought anything.*

4) He *the theatre twice this week.*

5) Lucy *has gone to the USA. She Los Angeles for three days.*