

Grammar state verbs

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

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- 1 I believe we buy far more than we really need.
- 2 My family has _____ this business for over thirty years.
- 3 This pasta _____ fantastic! You must give me the recipe.
- 4 I don't know him very well, but he _____ very friendly.
- 5 I really don't _____ why people need to buy a new mobile phone when their old one works fine.

Choose the correct form of the verbs to complete the sentences.

- 1 I want / 'm wanting to buy a new laptop.
- 2 I know / 'm knowing a lot about economics.
- 3 I spend / 'm spending a lot of money eating in restaurants at the moment because I haven't got time to cook.
- 4 I have / 'm having a really hard time with this maths exercise. Can you help me?
- 5 I never buy / 'm never buying things on impulse. I always make a shopping list and only buy what's on it.
- 6 I see / 'm seeing a lot of shops on my way to work.

Are these sentences always true (A) or are they only true now (N)?

- 1 a Freshly cut grass smells great! A
b I smell smoke. Did you turn off the oven? N
- 2 a I don't understand much about chemistry. ____
b I don't understand what you're saying. ____
- 3 a I love this jacket! You should definitely buy it. ____
b I love autumn – it's wonderful. ____
- 4 a What do you mean by 'we have a problem'? ____
b What does this word mean? ____
- 5 a I have a cousin who looks like Rafael Nadal. ____
b You look exhausted. Bad day at work? ____