

# Exercises

Unit  
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**1.1** The sentences on the right follow those on the left. Which sentence goes with which?

- 1 Please don't make so much noise.
- 2 I need to eat something soon.
- 3 I don't have anywhere to live right now.
- 4 We need to leave soon.
- 5 They don't need their car any more.
- 6 Things are not so good at work.
- 7 It isn't true what they said.
- 8 We're going to get wet.

- a It's getting late.
- b They're lying.
- c It's starting to rain.
- d They're trying to sell it.
- e I'm getting hungry.
- f ~~I'm trying to work.~~
- g I'm looking for an apartment.
- h The company is losing money.

- 1 f
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**1.2** Complete the conversations.

- 1 A: I saw Brian a few days ago.  
B: Oh, did you? What's he doing these days? (what / he / do)  
A: He's at university.  
B: \_\_\_\_\_? (what / he / study)  
A: Psychology.  
B: \_\_\_\_\_ it? (he / enjoy)  
A: Yes, he says it's a very good course.
- 2 A: Hi, Nicola. How \_\_\_\_\_? (your new job / go)  
B: Not bad. It wasn't so good at first, but \_\_\_\_\_ better now.  
(it / get)  
A: What about Daniel? Is he OK?  
B: Yes, but \_\_\_\_\_ his work right now. (he / not / enjoy)  
He's been in the same job for a long time and \_\_\_\_\_ to get bored  
with it. (he / begin)

**1.3** Put the verb into the correct form, positive (I'm doing etc.) or negative (I'm not doing etc.).

- 1 Please don't make so much noise. I'm trying (I / try) to work.
- 2 Let's go out now. It isn't raining (it / rain) any more.
- 3 You can turn off the radio. \_\_\_\_\_ (I / listen) to it.
- 4 Kate phoned me last night. She's on holiday in France. \_\_\_\_\_ (she / have) a great time and doesn't want to come back.
- 5 I want to lose weight, so this week \_\_\_\_\_ (I / eat) lunch.
- 6 Andrew has just started evening classes. \_\_\_\_\_ (he / learn) Japanese.
- 7 Paul and Sally have had an argument. \_\_\_\_\_ (they / speak) to each other.
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ (I / get) tired. I need a rest.
- 9 Tim \_\_\_\_\_ (work) today. He's taken the day off.
- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ (I / look) for Sophie. Do you know where she is?

**1.4** Complete the sentences using the following verbs:

start get ~~increase~~ change rise

- 1 The population of the world is increasing very fast.
- 2 The world \_\_\_\_\_. Things never stay the same.
- 3 The situation is already bad and it \_\_\_\_\_ worse.
- 4 The cost of living \_\_\_\_\_. Every year things are more expensive.
- 5 The weather \_\_\_\_\_ to improve. The rain has stopped, and the wind isn't as strong.

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## 2.1 Complete the sentences using the following verbs:

cause(s)   connect(s)   drink(s)   live(s)   open(s)   ~~speaks(s)~~   take(s)

- 1 Tanya speaks German very well.
- 2 I don't often ..... coffee.
- 3 The swimming pool ..... at 7.30 every morning.
- 4 Bad driving ..... many accidents.
- 5 My parents ..... in a very small flat.
- 6 The Olympic Games ..... place every four years.
- 7 The Panama Canal ..... the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

## 2.2 Put the verb into the correct form.

- 1 Julie doesn't drink (not / drink) tea very often.
- 2 What time ..... (the banks / close) here?
- 3 I've got a car, but I ..... (not / use) it much.
- 4 'Where ..... (Ricardo / come) from?' 'From Cuba.'
- 5 'What ..... (you / do)?' 'I'm an electrician.'
- 6 It ..... (take) me an hour to get to work. How long ..... (it / take) you?
- 7 Look at this sentence. What ..... (this word / mean)?
- 8 David isn't very fit. He ..... (not / do) any sport.

## 2.3 Use the following verbs to complete the sentences. Sometimes you need the negative:

believe   eat   flow   ~~go~~   ~~grow~~   make   rise   tell   translate

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|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 The earth <u>goes</u> round the sun. | 7 An interpreter ..... from one language into another. |
| 2 Rice <u>doesn't grow</u> in Britain. | 8 Liars are people who ..... the truth.                |
| 3 The sun ..... in the east.           | 9 The River Amazon ..... into the Atlantic Ocean.      |
| 4 Bees ..... honey.                    |                                                        |
| 5 Vegetarians ..... meat.              |                                                        |
| 6 An atheist ..... in God.             |                                                        |

## 2.4 You ask Lisa questions about herself and her family. Write the questions.

- 1 You know that Lisa plays tennis. You want to know how often. Ask her.  
How often do you play tennis ?
- 2 Perhaps Lisa's sister plays tennis too. You want to know. Ask Lisa.  
..... your sister ..... ?
- 3 You know that Lisa reads a newspaper every day. You want to know which one. Ask her.  
..... ?
- 4 You know that Lisa's brother works. You want to know what he does. Ask Lisa.  
..... ?
- 5 You know that Lisa goes to the cinema a lot. You want to know how often. Ask her.  
..... ?
- 6 You don't know where Lisa's grandparents live. You want to know. Ask Lisa.  
..... ?

## 2.5 Complete using the following:

I apologise   I insist   I promise   I recommend   ~~+suggest~~

- 1 Mr Evans is not in the office today. I suggest you try calling him tomorrow.
- 2 I won't tell anybody what you said. ....
- 3 (*in a restaurant*) You must let me pay for the meal. ....
- 4 ..... for what I did. It won't happen again.
- 5 The new restaurant in Hill Street is very good. .... it.

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3.1 Are the underlined verbs right or wrong? Correct them where necessary.

- 1 Water boils at 100 degrees Celsius. OK
- 2 The water boils. Can you turn it off? is boiling
- 3 Look! That man tries to open the door of your car.
- 4 Can you hear those people? What do they talk about?
- 5 The moon goes round the earth in about 27 days.
- 6 I must go now. It gets late.
- 7 I usually go to work by car.
- 8 'Hurry up! It's time to leave.' 'OK, I come.'
- 9 I hear you've got a new job. How do you get on?
- 10 Paul is never late. He's always getting to work on time.
- 11 They don't get on well. They're always arguing.

## 3.2 Put the verb into the correct form, present continuous or present simple.

- 1 Let's go out. It isn't raining (it / not / rain) now.
- 2 Julia is very good at languages. She speaks (she / speak) four languages very well.
- 3 Hurry up! \_\_\_\_\_ (everybody / wait) for you.
- 4 '\_\_\_\_\_ (you / listen) to the radio?' 'No, you can turn it off.'
- 5 '\_\_\_\_\_ (you / listen) to the radio every day?' 'No, just occasionally.'
- 6 The River Nile \_\_\_\_\_ (flow) into the Mediterranean.
- 7 The river \_\_\_\_\_ (flow) very fast today – much faster than usual.
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ (we / usually / grow) vegetables in our garden, but this year \_\_\_\_\_ (we / not / grow) any.
- 9 A: How's your English?  
B: Not bad. I think \_\_\_\_\_ (it / improve) slowly.
- 10 Rachel is in New York right now. \_\_\_\_\_ (she / stay) at the Park Hotel.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (she / always / stay) there when she's in New York.
- 11 Can we stop walking soon? \_\_\_\_\_ (I / start) to feel tired.
- 12 A: Can you drive?  
B: \_\_\_\_\_ (I / learn). My father \_\_\_\_\_ (teach) me.
- 13 Normally \_\_\_\_\_ (I / finish) work at five, but this week \_\_\_\_\_ (I / work) until six to earn a little more money.
- 14 My parents \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Manchester. They were born there and have never lived anywhere else. Where \_\_\_\_\_ (your parents / live)?
- 15 Sonia \_\_\_\_\_ (look) for a place to live. \_\_\_\_\_ (she / stay) with her sister until she finds somewhere.
- 16 A: What \_\_\_\_\_ (your brother / do)?  
B: He's an architect, but \_\_\_\_\_ (he / not / work) at the moment.
- 17 (at a party) \_\_\_\_\_ (I / usually enjoy) parties, but \_\_\_\_\_ (I / not / enjoy) this one very much.

3.3 Finish B's sentences. Use **always -ing**.

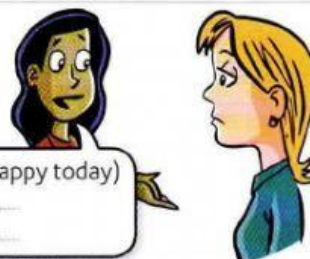
- 1 A: I've lost my phone again.  
B: Not again! You're always losing your phone.
- 2 A: The car has broken down again.  
B: That car is useless. It \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 A: Look! You've made the same mistake again.  
B: Oh no, not again! I \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 A: Oh, I've forgotten my glasses again.  
B: Typical! \_\_\_\_\_.

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## 4.1 Put the verb into the correct form, present continuous or present simple.

- Are you hungry? Do you want (you / want) something to eat?
- Don't put the dictionary away. I use (I / use) it.
- Don't put the dictionary away. I need (I / need) it.
- Who is that man? What he wants (he / want)?
- Who is that man? Why he looks (he / look) at us?
- Alan says he's 80 years old, but nobody believes (believe) him.
- She told me her name, but I don't remember (I / not / remember) it now.
- I think (I / think) of selling my car. Would you be interested in buying it?
- I think you should sell (I / think) you should sell your car. you don't use (you / not / use) it very often.
- Air consists (consist) mainly of nitrogen and oxygen.

## 4.2 Use the words in brackets to make sentences. (You should also study Unit 3 before you do this exercise.)

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| <p>1</p>  <p>(you / not / seem / very happy today)<br/>You <u>don't seem very happy today</u>.</p> | <p>2</p>  <p>(what / you / do?)<br/>Be quiet! (I / think)</p>             |
| <p>3</p>  <p>(who / this umbrella / belong to?)<br/>I have no idea.</p>                          | <p>4</p>  <p>(the dinner / smell / good)</p>                            |
| <p>5</p>  <p>Excuse me. (anybody / sit / there?)<br/>No, it's free.</p>                          | <p>6</p>  <p>(these gloves / not / fit / me)<br/>They're too small.</p> |

4.3 Are the underlined verbs right or wrong? Correct them where necessary.

- Nicky is thinking of giving up her job. OK
- Are you believing in God?
- I'm feeling hungry. Is there anything to eat?
- This sauce is great. It's tasting really good.
- I'm thinking this is your key. Am I right?

4.4 Complete the sentences using the most suitable form of be. Use **am/is/are being** (continuous) where possible; otherwise use **am/is/are** (simple).

- I can't understand why he's being so selfish. He isn't usually like that.
- Sarah is very nice to me at the moment. I wonder why.
- You'll like Sophie when you meet her. She is very nice.
- You're usually very patient, so why are you being so unreasonable about waiting ten more minutes?
- Why isn't Steve at work today? is he ill?