

Underline the correct form.

Hello again from the rainforest. You won't believe this, but I **a** sit / am sitting in a small boat on a river in South America. I **b** don't know / am not knowing the name of the river in English, but now we **c** travel / are travelling through the rainforest. It's really hot, and water **d** drips / is dripping from my face, so I **e** apologize / am apologizing for my bad handwriting. The batteries of my camera **f** run out / are running out too, so don't expect many photos. The other problem here is the rain. It **g** rains / is raining nearly every day, which is why they **h** call / are calling it a rainforest. I **i** suppose / am supposing! Luckily **j** it doesn't rain / it isn't raining at the moment, but I'll have to be quick. In general, I **k** have / am having a really good time, and I **l** find out / am finding out a lot about the flora and fauna in the rainforest. The trees here **m** grow / are growing to 60 metres, which **n** makes / is making it very dark all the time in the forest. There aren't really any paths, and people **o** travel / are travelling everywhere by water, or by plane. Of course we ecotourists **p** take / are taking this trip for fun, because we **q** want / are wanting to. What else can I tell you? Well, everything **r** smells / is smelling really bad here. And it's very noisy, because the birds and animals **s** seem / are seeming to stay awake all night. Ugh, sorry, a horrible spider **t** crawls / is crawling along my leg. That's all for now!

1 Complete the sentence with the affirmative form of the verb in brackets.

- a Look, all the people (leave) are leaving.
- b The Earth's temperature (rise) _____ because people (use) _____ too much energy.
- c She (study) _____ economics and he (study) _____ philosophy.
- d You (stand) _____ too close to the road.
- e We (stay) _____ in a lovely hotel by the beach.
- f I (go) _____ to the supermarket now, do you need anything?
- g The cat (chase) _____ the dog.
- h Technology (become) _____ cheaper all the time.
- i Pawel and Marek (train) _____ for the football game next week.
- j Manuela (listen) _____ to music in her room.

2 Underline the correct form.

- a Scientists do not understand / are not understanding everything about the universe.
- b They disagree about some important facts. For example, does it get / is it getting larger or smaller?
- c Although they don't agree / are not agreeing about everything, there are some facts about the universe which they are sure about.
- d Take the planet Venus, for example. Here the temperature reaches / is reaching over 400°C.
- e And another unusual fact about Venus is that a day there lasts / is lasting longer than a year.
- f Many scientists still search / are still searching for life in other parts of the universe.
- g Do they look / Are they looking for life on Venus?
- h It doesn't seem / Isn't seeming to be the kind of place where life might exist.
- i The atmosphere of Venus consists / is consisting mainly of carbon dioxide (CO₂).
- j And it has / is having an air pressure 90 times greater than that of Earth.

3 Complete the text with the present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Good afternoon, everybody. I **a** (speak) am speaking to you from Mount Surprising, the giant **volcano**. A team of scientists **b** (visit) are visiting the volcano, and I'm here for Big TV, just in case anything exciting happens. I **c** (stand) am standing here near the top of the **crater**, and **d** (look) am looking down into the volcano. At the moment the four scientists **e** (climb) are climbing down into the crater. It doesn't look very dangerous, I must say, but they **f** (wear) are wearing special clothes and a **rescue** team **g** (stand by) is standing by just in case! A little bit of **smoke** **h** (rise) is rising from the volcano, but that's normal. Now the scientists **i** (set) are setting up their **equipment**. They **j** (try) are trying to collect some gas, which will help them understand what exactly **k** (go on) is going on under the volcano. Wait a minute! Something **l** (happen) is happening! The ground **m** (shake) is shaking! The four scientists **n** (climb) are climbing out of the volcano as quickly as they can. They **o** (shout) are shouting something as well. I think it's time to leave!



4 Complete the sentence with the negative form of the verb in brackets. Use contractions.

- As you know, the Marina space mission (go) isn't going according to plan.
- As far as we can tell, the spacecraft (head for) isn't heading for the moon.
- We **can't** be sure because at the moment it (send) isn't sending us any useful information.
- Some of the equipment on the spacecraft (work) isn't working properly.
- As a result, we (receive) aren't receiving radio signals.
- It seems that the solar power panels (point) aren't pointing at the Sun.
- So as a result, they (produce) aren't producing enough power.
- And at the moment Marina's computer (respond) isn't responding to our signals.
- We are trying to correct the problem but we (have) aren't having any luck.
- However, we (give up) aren't giving up hope.

5 Use the prompts to make a question.

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| a the weather in your country / change
<u>Is the weather in your country changing?</u> | e summer / get hotter
<u>Is summer getting hotter?</u> |
| b it grow / warmer or colder
<u>Is it growing warmer or colder?</u> | f the changes / become a problem
<u>Are the changes becoming a problem?</u> |
| c storms / happen more often
<u>Are storms happening more often?</u> | g people / worry about this
<u>Are people worrying about this?</u> |
| d less snow / fall in winter
<u>Is less snow falling in winter?</u> | h they / do anything to help
<u>Are they doing anything to help?</u> |

6 Complete the text with the present simple or present continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

Population **a** (mean) means the number of people who live in a particular area.
 The population of the world **b** (not stay) isn't staying the same. At the moment it **c** (grow) is growing at an increasing **rate**. In fact, scientists **d** (believe) believe that the world population will increase until 2200, and then stop growing. However, things are not the same in all parts of the world. At present in many Western industrial countries the population **e** (fall) is falling. This **f** (happen) is happening because families are small, and health conditions are good. In **developing** countries, on the other hand, the population **g** (rise) is rising sharply. In Ghana, for example, most families **h** (have) have several children. Many children in Ghana **i** (die) die from illness, so it is important to have lots of children. They earn money for the family and **j** (look after) look after their parents in old age.



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7 Complete the sentence with the present simple or present continuous form of the verb in brackets.

- a Everybody (know) knows that the world's rainforests (disappear) are disappearing.
- b Although rainforests (cover) cover only six per cent of the Earth's land surface, they (contain) contain about 50% of all species of life on the planet.
- c They also (remove) remove carbon dioxide (CO₂) from the air and (produce) produce oxygen (O₂).
- d As they are important, why (they / vanish) do they vanish?
- e Most scientists (agree) agree that there are two main reasons.
- f First of all, the way of life in these forests (change) is changing.
- g In some forests, big companies (cut) are cutting down more and more trees (deforestation) and (cause) cause damage to the land.
- h In other places, another kind of deforestation (happen) is happening.
- i Here farmers (burn) are burning more and more of the forest and (use) use the land to feed cattle.
- j Now that governments (understand) understand the problem, they (begin) have begun to control these activities.

*****Find a picture and get ready to describe in class what is going on in it. Make use of Present Continuous.**

