

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 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.

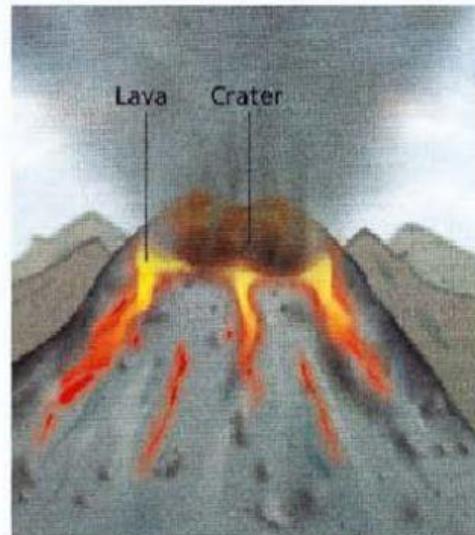
- a Look, all the people (leave) are leaving.
- b The Earth's temperature (rise) because people (use) too much energy.
- c She (study) economics and he (study) philosophy.
- d You (stand) too close to the road.
- e We (stay) in a lovely hotel by the beach.
- f I (go) to the supermarket now, do you need anything?
- g The cat (chase) the dog.
- h Technology (become) cheaper all the time.
- i Paweł 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) **are 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.

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

5 Use the prompts to make a question.

- a the weather in your country / change

Is the weather in your country changing?

- b it grow / warmer or colder

?

- c storms / happen more often

?

- d less snow / fall in winter

?

- e summer / get hotter

Are the temperatures getting hotter in summer?

?

- f the changes / become a problem

?

- g people / worry about this

?

- h they / do anything to help

?

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) the same. At the moment it **c** (grow) at an increasing rate. In fact, scientists **d** (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)

This **f** (happen) because families are small, and health conditions are good.

In developing countries, on the other hand, the population

g (rise) sharply. In Ghana, for example, most families **h** (have) several children. Many children in Ghana

i (die) from illness, so it is important to have lots of children. They earn money for the family and **j** (look after) their parents in old age.



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) only six per cent of the Earth's land surface, they (contain) about 50% of all species of life on the planet.

c They also (remove) carbon dioxide (CO₂) from the air and (produce) oxygen (O₂).

d As they are important, why (they / vanish) ?

e Most scientists (agree) that there are two main reasons.

f First of all, the way of life in these forests (change)

g In some forests, big companies (cut) down more and more trees (deforestation) and (cause) damage to the land.

h In other places, another kind of deforestation (happen)

i Here farmers (burn) more and more of the forest and (use) the land to feed cattle.

j Now that governments (understand) the problem, they (begin) 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.

