

GRAMMAR CONSOLIDATION

Present time

A. Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence

1. I haven't decided yet about whether to buy a new car or a second-hand one. But *I think about it* / *I'm thinking about it*.
2. All right, you try to fix the television! But / *I hope* / *I'm hoping* you know what you're doing.
3. Every year / *I visit* / *I'm visiting* Britain to improve my English.
4. It's time we turned on the central heating. *It gets* / *It's getting* colder every day.
5. Of course, you're Mary, aren't you! / *I recognise* / *I am recognising* you now.
6. The film of 'War and Peace' is very long. *It lasts* / *It is lasting* over four hours.
7. I can see from what you say that your mornings are very busy! But what *do you do* / *are you doing* in the afternoons?
8. I'm going to buy a new swimming costume. My old one *doesn't fit* / *isn't fitting* any more.
9. That must be the end of the first part of the performance. What *happens* / *is happening* now?
10. What's the matter? Why *do you look* / *are you looking* at me like that?

B. Put each verb in brackets into the present simple or present continuous.

I work in a large office with about thirty other people, most of whom I (11) _____ (know) quite well. We (12) _____ (spend) most of the day together, so we have become friends. In fact, most of my colleagues are so interesting, that I (13) _____ (think) of writing a book about them! (14) _____ (take) Helen Watson, for example. Helen (15) _____ (run) the accounts department. At the moment she (16) _____ (go out) with Keith Ballentine, one of the sales representatives, and they (17) _____ (seem) very happy together. But everyone -except Helen apparently- (18) _____ (know) that Keith (19) _____ (fancy) Susan Porter. But I (20) _____ (happen) to know that Susan (21) _____ (dislike) Keith. 'I can't stand people who never (22) _____ (stop) apologising all the time!' she told me. 'And besides, I know he (23) _____

(deceive) poor Helen. He (24) _____ (see) Betty Willis from the overseas department.'

And plenty of other interesting things (25) _____ (currently / go on). For instance, every week we (26) _____ experience more and more problems with theft -personal belongings and even money have been stolen. When you (27) _____ (realise) that someone in your office is a thief, it (28) _____ (upset) you at first. But I (29) _____ (also / try) to catch whoever it is before the police is called in. I'm going to tell you who I (30) _____ (suspect). Well, not yet anyway!

Future time

C. Put each verb in brackets into a suitable verb form

31. In twenty-four hours' time _____ (I/relax) on my yacht.
32. There's someone at the door.' That _____ (be) the postman.'
33. By the time you get back Harry _____ (leave).
34. It's only a short trip. I _____ (be) back in an hour.
35. What _____ (you/do) this Saturday evening? Would you like to go out?
36. By the end of the week we _____ (decide) what to do.
37. It _____ (not/be) long before Doctor Smith is here.
38. We'll go to the park when you _____ (finish) your tea.
39. It's very hot in here. I think I _____ (faint).
40. What _____ (you/give) Ann for her birthday? Have you decided yet?

D. In most lines of this text there is an extra word. Write the extra word, or put a tick if the line is correct

In August Gordon will then have been at his company for 25 years, and he's getting for a bonus of three weeks paid holiday. So we've decided to hire a car and drive around Eastern Europe. We'll be leaving towards the end of August, and our aim there is to visit as many countries as we can. We're flying out to Budapest - soon we're due to catch a plane on the 28th day - and then we'll be stopping over at a friend's house, before starting our grand tour. We'll most probably spend the best part of a week in Hungary. When we've just finished

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there, we'll probably be go to Romania, but beyond that we haven't planned too much arrangements. We will know a bit more by the end of this week, when we're getting a whole load of brochures from the tourist board. We'd like to get to as far as Russia, but realistically I doubt whether we'll have time. I hope it won't be too expensive - from till now on we'll really have to tighten our belts! I can't wait! In just over two months' of time we'll be having the time of our lives!

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E. Choose the most appropriate continuation for each sentence.

56. According to the latest forecast, the tunnel

- A. will be finished next year.
- B. will have been finished next year.
- C. is finishing next year.

57. Paula's flight is bound to be late although

- A. it arrives at 6.00.
- B. it's due at 6.00.
- C. it's arriving at six.

58. It's no use phoning Bob at the office, he

- A. will be leaving.
- B. is leaving.
- C. will have left.

59. Everyone says that this year City

- A. are going to win the Cup.
- B. are winning the Cup.
- C. win the Cup.

60. I don't feel like visiting my relatives this year so

- A. I won't go.
- B. I'm not going.
- C. I don't go.

61. You can borrow this calculator, I

- A. am not going to need it.
- B. won't have been needing it.
- C. am not needing it.

62. I'm sorry dinner isn't ready yet, but it

- A. is going to be ready in a minute.
- B. will have been ready in a minute.

C. will be ready in a minute,

63. Can you send me the results as soon as you

- A. hear anything?
- B. are hearing anything?
- C. will have heard anything?

64. You can try asking Martin for help but

- A. it won't do you any good.
- B. it's not doing you any good.
- C. it won't be doing you any good.

65. Don't worry about the mistake you made, nobody

- A. is noticing.
- B. will notice.
- C. will be noticing.