Present tenses

present simple; present continuous; state verbs

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A Context listening

1 You are going to hear a woman interviewing a student for a survey about what people do in their free time. Before you listen, look at the pictures. Which activities do you think the student does in his free time?



2 1 Listen and check if you were right.

3 1 Listen again and decide if the following statements are true or false. If a statement is false, write the correction.

1 Peter is waiting for his friends. .....

2 He isn't studying much this month. .....

3 His parents own a shop. .....

4 He practises the guitar most mornings. .....

5 He frequently uses the Internet. .....

6 His cousin is living in America at the moment. .....

7 Peter doesn't support any football teams. .....

4 Look at your answers to Exercise 3 and answer these questions.

1 Which sentences are about a situation that is permanent or a fact? .....

2 Which sentences are about everyday habits? .....

3 Which sentence is about an action happening at the moment of speaking? .....

4 Which sentences are about a temporary situation? .....

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C Grammar exercises

1 **Choose the best endings for sentences 1–8.**

1	Fiona is watching television	(a) because her favourite film star is on. b when she has time.
2	I'm having my lunch	a at one o'clock every day. b early today as I have an appointment.
3	I do the shopping	a at the same time every week. b today for a friend who's ill.
4	What are you doing	a to your sister when she behaves badly? b to your sister? Leave her alone!
5	I wear casual clothes	a at the weekend. b because we're having a party at lunchtime.
6	Teachers work hard	a to get the concert ready for next week. b but they get long holidays.
7	The company's financial situation is improving	a now that it has a new Chief Executive. b when there is greater demand for its products.
8	Serge is thinking of retiring early	a every time something bad happens at work. b because he isn't happy at work any more.

2 **Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.**

1 I'm busy right now. I 'm filling in ..... (*fill in*) an application form for a new job.
2 My tutor ..... (*see*) me for a tutorial every Monday at two o'clock.
3 John ..... (*not/study*) very hard at the moment. I ..... (*not/think*) he'll pass his exams.
4 'What ..... (*he/do*)?' 'He ..... (*try*) to fix the television aerial.'
5 Animals ..... (*breathe in*) oxygen and ..... (*give out*) carbon dioxide.
6 Be quiet! I ..... (*want*) to hear the news.
7 In my country we ..... (*drive*) on the right-hand side of the road.
8 My friend Joe's parents ..... (*travel*) round the world this summer, and probably won't be back for a couple of months.
9 The college ..... (*run*) the same course every year.
10 Numbers of wild butterflies ..... (*fall*) as a result of changes in farming methods.

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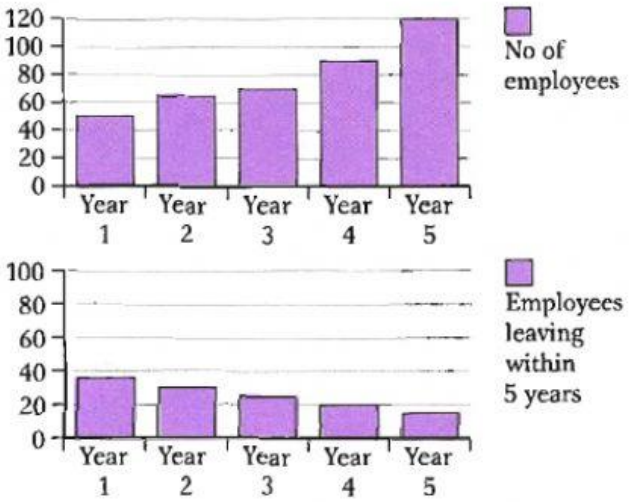
3 Fill in the gaps with the verbs in the box in the correct present tense.

agree	catch up	cause	have	go up	know	think	use

We 1 use energy for three main things: *electricity* production, heating and transport. For the first two, we 2 ..... options such as solar and wind power, or natural gas. But oil is still the world's number one source of energy, and for transport at least, there is currently no alternative. In China, domestic energy consumption 3 ..... year by year and demand in similar regions 4 ..... fast. We 5 ..... how to use energy more efficiently now than in the past but the worldwide rise in demand 6 ..... concern amongst experts. Some experts 7 ..... that oil supplies will start to fall within the next twenty years. Most experts 8 ..... that we need to find a new source of energy soon.

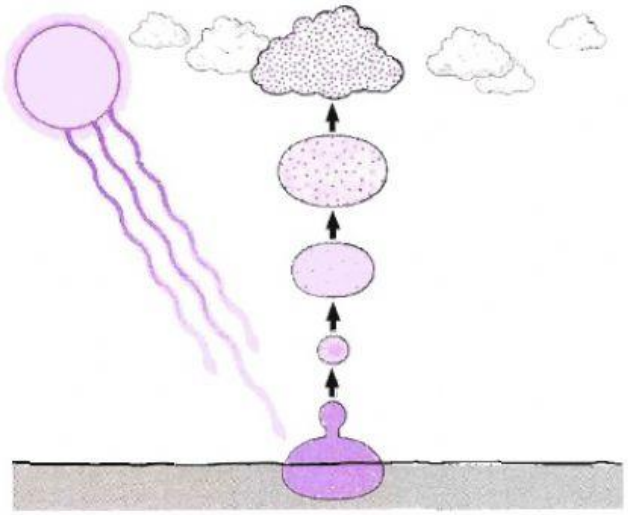
4 Look at the following extracts. There are six incorrect verbs. *Find* and correct them.

Extract A



From the graphs, we are seeing that the number of employees employed by this firm increases each year and the number of employees leaving after less than five years decreases.

Extract B



The sun heats the ground. This is warming the air nearby and the warm air rises into the sky. As the air is rising, it becomes cooler and the water vapour inside it change into droplets of water. These join together to form a cloud.

1 can see
2 .....
3 .....
4 .....
5 .....
6 .....

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D Test practice

Listening Section 1

Questions 1–3

*Choose the correct letter, **A**, **B** or **C**.*

Example
Which sport is the woman interested in?
A gymnastics
B swimming
C tennis

1 How long is the heated pool?

A 15 metres
B 25 metres
C 50 metres

2 Which of these is free for all members?

A the beginners swimming class
B the training session
C the keep-fit class

3 Which of these does the woman need to book?

A swimming lanes
B gym equipment
C sauna

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Questions 4–10

Complete the notes below.

Write ***NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER*** *for each answer.*

Yoga classes

- held on Monday, **4** ..... and ..... mornings
- weekend evenings from **5** ..... to .....
- attend **6** ..... per week
- see instructor to change **7** .....
- cost £1.50

Meet John **8** .....

Office located on first floor

Meet at **9** ..... tomorrow

Tel: **10** .....

Grammar focus task

Look at the following extracts from the conversation and underline the tenses that the speakers used.

1 I'*m wanting* / *want* to do some sports activities.
2 Our tennis team *are always looking* / *always look* for new people.
3 *Are members having to* / *Do members have to* pay to use the pools?
4 We'*re not actually allowing* / *don't actually allow* anyone to book the swimming lanes or the gym equipment.
5 What time *is suiting* / *suits* you?
6 Great, well, I'*m thinking* / *think* that's everything.

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