

Grammar Practice

A Read what the following people have to say about learning English in Britain. Complete with the **Present Progressive** or the **Present Simple** of the verbs in brackets.

As part of my job, I (1) _____ (travel) abroad a lot, so I (2) _____ (need) to improve my English. For this reason, I (3) _____ (attend) a course in Business English at a language school in London. The course (4) _____ (last) three weeks.



I (5) _____ (come) from Italy but I (6) _____ (study) in England at the moment. I (7) _____ (stay) with a British family. In this way, my English (8) _____ (improve) faster because I (9) _____ just _____ (not use) it in the classroom but in my everyday life as well.

I (10) _____ (visit) England every two or three years, so I (11) _____ (speak) some English but not much. At present I (12) _____ (do) a course at a language school in London and I (13) _____ (learn) lots of new stuff! Apart from that, in the afternoons I (14) _____ (go) out with my classmates and we (15) _____ (try) to practise our English as much as possible.



B Circle the correct answers.

- In this story, a boy **finds** / **is finding** a time machine and **travels** / **is travelling** through time.
- Don't bother me now. I **write** / **am writing** an important letter.
- I **am thinking** / **think** about grandmother. We hardly ever **visit** / **are visiting** her. Let's visit her tomorrow.
- The minibus, which is **taking** / **takes** people to the other side of the island, **leaves** / **is leaving** at 11:00 am and **is returning** / **returns** at 6:00 pm.
- I **sleep** / **am sleeping** at my mother's house this week because I **am having** / **have** my house painted.
- Why **are you leaving** / **do you leave** so early tomorrow morning?
- I **think** / **am thinking** you should buy him a tie. He **is liking** / **likes** to dress formally.
- Flowers **bloom** / **are blooming** in spring.
- You **are turning** / **turn** left at the traffic lights and **go** / **are going** up Oxford Street.
- Here **comes** / **is coming** Tom. Let's tell him the news.

C Using the words given and other words, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Do not change the word given. (Use 2-5 words in total.)

- John never stops criticising my friends.
always John _____ my friends.
- We've arranged to meet at 8:00 pm tomorrow.
are We _____ at 8:00 pm tomorrow.
- What time is your plane scheduled to arrive at Heathrow?
land What time _____ at Heathrow?
- I have arranged to have dinner with Jerry tonight.
am I _____ with Jerry tonight.
- The older he gets, the more eccentric he becomes.
is As time goes by, he _____ eccentric.
- They don't like spicy food, so they avoid eating it.
never They _____ as they don't like it.
- Jack has found a job in a supermarket for the summer.
is Jack _____ in a supermarket this summer.
- How much is that green jacket, please?
cost How much _____, please?

Vocabulary Practice

A Complete using the correct form of the phrasal verbs given.

ask for:	request sth
ask out:	invite sb to go out with you
blow up:	(cause to) explode
break down:	(1) stop working (for a piece of machinery) (2) lose control of your feelings or emotions
break in:	enter a building illegally or by force (intransitive)
break into:	enter a building illegally or by force (transitive)
break up:	(1) divide into smaller parts (2) end a meeting, gathering, etc.

It was my first day at work so I (1) _____ my best friend to celebrate it with me. When we had finished having dinner, I (2) _____ the bill.

As I was looking out of the window, I saw three masked men trying to (3) _____ the bank across the street. Before I could react, there was an explosion. The robbers had (4) _____ a car that was parked near the bank to distract people's attention, so that they could (5) _____ without being noticed.

Just then, the robbers ran out of the bank and got into a white Fiat. But they were unlucky. Five hundred metres down the street their car (6) _____ and they were caught.

After the incident, the police (7) _____ the crowd of people that had gathered and life returned to normal again.