

- 1 A: Tortoises ...*live*... (live) to be very old.
B: I've heard of one which is over a hundred years old.
- 2 A: Are you still busy?
B: Yes. I (read) this article for an hour and I still (not/finish).
- 3 A: More and more people (go) to university these days.
B: Yes. I think it's a good thing.
- 4 A: I (have) a party tonight. Do you want to come?
B: Yes. What time does it start?
- 5 A: Why are your shoes wet?
B: I (wash) the car.
- 6 A: What's the matter?
B: I (break) my ankle.
- 7 A: What do I need to do next?
B: You (add) the sugar to the mixture and you (mix) it well.
- 8 A: Who (use) my car?
B: I have.
- 9 A: Are you new here?
B: No. Actually, I (live) here for almost ten years.
- 10 A: Pete is playing his music very loud.
B: Again! He (always/do) that!
- 11 A: Have you made plans for Saturday yet?
B: I (go) to the cinema with Jack.
- 12 A: Mr Collins is a very good teacher.
B: Well, he (teach) Maths for twenty-five years, you know.
- 13 A: Are you going to the concert on Saturday night?
B: Yes. Actually, I (already/buy) the tickets.
- 14 A: Hello, Simon.
B: Oh! We (always/meet) each other in this supermarket.

Dear Kathleen,

I 1) ...*'m writing*... (write) to tell you my news. My school 2) (choose) me to spend six weeks at a school in the USA. I'm very happy about it!

At the moment, I 3) (pack) things for my trip, because I 4) (leave) next week. My mother 5) (book) the ticket.

I 6) (wait) for this opportunity for ages, so I'm very excited. I 7) (finish) reading two books about the USA and I 8) (borrow) another one from the school library. I 9) (become) more and more nervous every day!

Well, I must go now. I've got a lot of things to do. I'll write to you from the USA.

Love,

Tracy

b) Which of the present forms in the text above are used to express:

- 1 actions which happened at an unstated time in the past
- 2 actions which started in the past and continue up to the present with emphasis on duration
- 3 actions happening at or around the moment of speaking
- 4 changing and developing situations
- 5 actions that we have arranged to do in the near future

- 1 A: Linda ...*is learning*... (learn) to drive at the moment.
B: I know. She told me last week.
- 2 A: Has Alan got a job?
B: Oh yes. He (be) the manager of a leisure centre.
- 3 A: Do you want to have a break now?
B: Not yet. I (write) a report for tomorrow's meeting.
- 4 A: It's ten o'clock. Have you given the manager his letters?
B: Yes, and I (also/type) six reports so far this morning.
- 5 A: Is Jeff still in the garden?
B: Yes. He (plant) flowers all afternoon.
- 6 A: That author is very well-known, isn't she?
B: Yes. She (write) twenty novels so far.
- 7 A: You look very happy today.
B: I am. I (just/hear) some good news.
- 8 A: What time (the play/start) tonight?
B: Seven o'clock, I think.
- 9 A: Are you new to this company?
B: Not really. In fact, I (work) here for almost two years.
- 10 A: Are you ready for the concert?
B: Yes. I (practise) for weeks.
- 11 A: Do you do any exercise at all?
B: Yes. I usually (do) swimming three times a week.

