Tom's Diner

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1. Complete the gaps using Present Continuous.

I **am sitting** in the morning
at the diner on the corner
I (1) _____ at the counter
for the man to pour the coffee
and he fills it only halfway
and before I even argue
he (2) _____ out the window
at somebody coming in.

"It is always nice to see you",
says the man behind the counter
to the woman who has come in.
She (3) _____ her umbrella
and I look the other way
as they (4) _____ their hellos
I'm pretending not to see them,
instead I pour the milk.

I open up the paper,
there's a story of an actor
who had died while he was drinking,
it was no one I had heard of
and I (5) _____ to the horoscope
And looking for the funnies
When I (6) _____ someone watching me
and so I raise my head.

There's a woman on the outside
looking inside, does she see me?
No she does not really see me
cause she sees her own reflection
and I (7) _____ not to notice
that she's hitching up her skirt
and while she (8) _____ her stockings,

On the board:

listen	think
kiss	straighten
sit	look
feel	shake
try	turn
wait	

Meanings:

- *Counter:* A long flat-topped fitment in a shop where food and drinks are served.
- *To pour:* Prepare and serve (a drink).
- *To argue:* To discuss.
- *As:* In the process of, while...
- *To hitch up:* remangarse, subirse, levantarse (clothes).
- *Through:* (in time) During.

2. Write all the words you don't know the meaning, look for it in a dictionary:

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her hair has gotten wet.

Oh, this rain it will continue
through the morning as I (9) _____
to the bells of the cathedral.
I (10) _____ of your voice...

And of the midnight picnic
Once upon a time
Before the rain began...

I finish up my coffee
It's time to catch the train.

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