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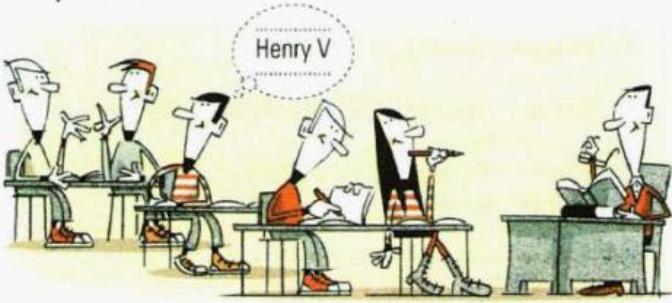
Present Continuous

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

1 Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the verb **be**. In negative sentences, use short forms where possible.

Hello. My name's John. Are you English?
 1 Paul's brother is here. What is his name?
 2 John isn't here today. He's at the dentist's.
 3 That boy looks just like you. Is he your brother?
 4 Thanks for all your help. You are a really good friend.
 5 Hi. Nice to meet you. Where are you from?
 6 You can't come in. We aren't ready.
 7 I amn't often late for school but sometimes I have problems waking up.

2 ★ Complete the text with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets. Use short forms where possible.



I am sitting (sit) in my classroom. We 1 (do) a History test. Paul 2 (write) quickly. Maggie 3 (not/write). She 4 (think) – but 5 she 6 (think) about the exam or something else? Our teacher 7 (watch) us. He's got a book but he 8 (not/read) it. Simon and Will 9 (talk). They 10 (not/try) to do the test at all. They don't care. They always do badly in tests. And I'm ... What 11 (do)? I 12 (waste) time. Come on, think ... Henry V ...

3 ★★ Complete the questions and answers with the phrases from the box.

are you doing are you waiting is she going
 they are having they are washing
 's going 'm looking 'm waiting

Cathy: What are you doing?

Mum: I 'm looking for my phone. I can't find it anywhere.

Conversation 1

Phil: Hi, Ben. Who 1 for?
 Ben: I 2 for Elaine. She's late.

Conversation 2

Russ: Vicki's at the bus stop. Where 1?
 Tim: She 2 to the cinema.
 She's meeting Ted there.

Conversation 3

Claire: What's that noise?
 Shelly: Colin and Ben are in the kitchen.
1 the dishes.
 Claire: I don't think so.
 I think 2 an argument.

4 ★★ Use the words in brackets to make full dialogues.

Conversation 1

Amy: Hi, Mel. Are you doing (you/do) anything at the moment?
 Mel: Not really. 1 (I/wait) for a phone call from Pete.
 Amy: 2 (he/work) today?
 Mel: Yes, 3 (he/help) his mum at her café. 4 (he/serve) the customers.

Conversation 2

Beth: Hi, Cathy. 1 (What/you/cook)?
 Cathy: A curry. Do you want some?
 Beth: No, thanks. 2 (Joe/get/pizza).
 Cathy: 3 (Where/he/buy) it?
 Beth: I don't know. Why?
 Cathy: Because there's a new pizza restaurant near the station. 4 (They/sell/pizzas) for half price this week.

SHOW WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT

5 Put the verbs in brackets in the correct form to make sentences and questions. Add the correct personal pronouns.

Will: Why are you running (why/run)?
 Dan: I'm late for work. I don't want to lose my job.
 1 Hale: What/what/read?
 John: Game of Thrones. I think it's great.
 2 Liam: Bye Mum. Go/go to school.
 Mum: Bye. See you later.
 3 Val: What's wrong? Where's Tom?
 Belle: Play/play tennis with Steve and I'm all alone.
 4 Andy: Hey, Stuart, Use/use your phone now?
 Stuart: No. Do you want to borrow it?
 5 Dad: Write/write an email?
 Jack: No, I'm looking for a summer job.
 6 Meg: Hi, Diana, hi, Sam. Good to see you two. Do you have a minute?
 Diana: Have/Have lunch right now. Let's meet in my office at 2.30, OK?

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