3.2 GRAMMAR

Present Continuous

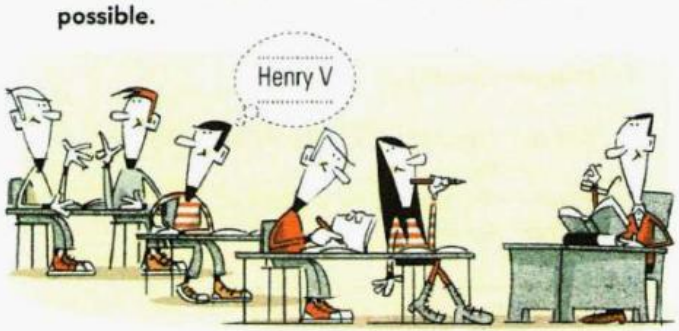
SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

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 ____ his name?
2 John ____ (not) here today. He's at the dentist's.
3 That boy looks just like you. ____ he your brother?
4 Thanks for all your help. You ____ a really good friend.
5 Hi. Nice to meet you. Where ____ you from?
6 You can't come in. We ____ (not) ready.
7 I ____ (not) 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'm 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 _____ (think) about the exam or something else? Our teacher [6]_____ (watch) us. He's got a book but he [7]_____ (not/read) it. Simon and Will [8]_____ (talk). They [9]_____ (not/try) to do the test at all. They don't care. They always do badly in tests. And I'm ... What [10]_____ I_____ (do)? I [11]_____ (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: Vicky'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/read)?
John: *Game of Thrones*. I think it's great.
2 Liam: Bye Mum. _____ (go) to school.
Mum: Bye. See you later.
3 Val: What's wrong? Where's Tom?
Belle: _____ (play) tennis with Steve and I'm all alone.
4 Andy: Hey, Stuart, _____ (use) your phone now?
Stuart: No. Do you want to borrow it?
5 Dad: _____ (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) lunch right now. Let's meet in my office at 2.30, OK?

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