GRAMMAR

present tenses

1 **Choose the correct meaning (A or B) for each sentence.**

1 My dad works nights so we don't see much of him in the week.
- **A** This is true just this week.
- **B** This is true every week.

2 Why are you wearing your coat in the house?
- **A** I'm asking about this moment.
- **B** I'm asking about a changing situation around now.

3 Why are things going up in price?
- **A** I'm asking about this moment.
- **B** I'm asking about a changing situation around now.

4 You're always taking my bike without asking!
- **A** You've got my bike now and I want it back.
- **B** You do this a lot and it annoys me.

5 So, she shows me her phone and she's laughing. I read the text and I feel like crying. Then she just walks off!
- **A** This happened in the past but I want to make my story more real.
- **B** This is happening now, so it's a real story.

6 You've cut your hair. It looks great.
- **A** I can see the result of a past change.
- **B** I know when you changed your appearance.

7 You've been chatting on that phone for hours.
- **A** You've talked to your friends already today.
- **B** You're still talking.

2 **Find and correct four mistakes in the sentences. If the sentence is correct, write 'correct'.**

1 We don't know each other for long, but we get on very well.
2 How long have you been learning to play the bongo drums?
3 You're always criticising me! It's just not fair!
4 I'm hot because I run round the park.
5 I broke my phone two days ago so I don't message my friends for ages.
6 Have you checked out that new video yet?
7 All my friends are spending every Saturday afternoon at the football.
8 To be honest, I'm a creature of habit. I don't often try new things.

3 **Choose the correct words to complete the conversation.**

A: Oh, this [1]**looks / is looking** fun!
B: What [2]**are you looking / do you look** at?
A: One of those personality quizzes: 'How adventurous are you?' Shall we do it together?
B: Hmm, [3]**I'm not really enjoying / I don't really enjoy** quizzes like that.
A: Oh, come on! We [4]**haven't done / don't do** anything like this for ages. It'll be a laugh. The first question is about food: How many new types of food [5]**have you tried / have you been trying** so far this year? One to five, six to ten or eleven to fifteen?
B: Maybe one to five. [6]**I've never been / I never am** very adventurous with food.
A: OK. The next one is about meeting new people: You [7]**stand / are standing** alone at a party How do you make contact? Walk over to a group and say hi, find one friendly person, or...?
B: I'm sorry but I [8]**get / I'm getting** a bit bored with this quiz already.
A: Oh, don't be like that! It's only a bit of fun.
B: Yes, but [9]**I've had / I've been having** enough now. I think I'll go home.
A: Oh, [10]**you've always been walking / you're always walking** off like that.
B: That's not true! I just don't always like what you like.

4 1.1 **Listen and check your answers to Ex 3.**

5 **Complete the blog with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use short forms where possible.**

How common is common sense?

People [1] ..... (always / tell) me to use my common sense. It's so annoying! What [2] ..... that even ..... (mean)? A dictionary definition [3] ..... (say): the ability to behave in a sensible way and make practical decisions. OK, so it's common sense to check for traffic when you [4] ..... (cross) the road. I get that. But what about when it comes to studying? We [5] ..... (work) on a design project at school for the last few weeks. It [6] ..... (not go) too well at the moment, so I asked my dad for help. All he said was, 'Just use your common sense.' I [7] ..... (try) to work out how that's helpful ever since. Great advice, Dad, thanks! [8] ..... anyone ..... (ever / say) that to you? What do you think common sense [9] ..... (mean)? How [10] ..... it ..... (help) with your schoolwork up to now?

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