

EXERCISE 1 (present simple or present progressive?)

1. I (see) my solicitor tomorrow (I have arranged this); I (change)
..... my will.

You always (change) your will. Why you (not leave)
..... it alone.

2. You (look) very thoughtful. What you (think)
about?

I (think) about my retirement.

But you are only 25. You only just (start) your career.

I (know) ; but I (read) an article which (say) that
a sensible man (start) thinking about retirement at 25.

3. You (see) that man at the corner of the street? He is a private detective. He
..... (watch) No. 24.

How you (know) he (watch) No. 24?

Because whenever anyone (come) out of, or (go) into the house he (make)
..... a note in his little book.

4. What all those people (do) in the middle of the street? And why they (wear)
..... such extraordinary clothes?

They (make) a film. Most of the crowd are local people who (work)
..... as extras.

5. It (sound) great fun. You (think) I could get a job as a film
extra?

I (not know) but I (see) Ann over there; when they (finish)
..... this scene I'll ask her if they still (take) on extras.

Ann (act) in the film?

She has a small part. She (not act) very well. I (imagine)
she got the part because she (know) the director.

6. Tom: We (move) into our new house tomorrow.

Bill: But why you (leave) your present house? It (suit) you all.

Tom: Yes, I (know) it (do) ; but the Council (pull down)
..... all the houses on this side. They (widen) the road.

They (say) it's a bottleneck.

7. If you (ask) a friend if she (like) your new dress she usually
(say) 'Yes'; so you (not know) whether she really (thin)

..... it (suit) you or whether she merely (be) polite.

8. I (hear) that you have bought a new house.

Yes, but I (not live) in it yet. They still (work) on it, and
the work (take) longer than I expected.

I (think) repair jobs always (take) longer than one
..... (expect). What they (do) now?

They (put) in new electric points. They (seem) competent electricians but they (smoke) at their work and this (slow) them down.

9. The hall (be) painted at the moment, so it (not look) its best. But where are the painters? They (stop) work at 3.00? No, they are in the kitchen. They (have) a tea break.

10. Tom: I (smell) something burning.
Jack: So (do) I. I (think) it (come) from the kitchen. Ann probably (iron) She usually (iron) and (watch) TV at the same time and if she (get) very interested in a program she (forget) that she (press) a hot iron on to somebody's shirt. Mother (think) of selling the TV set.

EXERCISE 2 (correct or incorrect?)

1. I'm depending on you, so don't make any mistakes.
(no errors)

2. Is this total including the new students?
Incorrect – Does this total include the new students?

3. Excuse me, but do you wait for someone?
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4. The potatoes are tasting a bit funny.
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5. How are you feeling today?
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6. I look forward to hearing from you.
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7. I have a feeling that something goes wrong.
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8. What's that you're eating?
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9. Are you hearing anything from Wendy these days?
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10. I think you are being rather mean about this.
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