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1 Complete the programme with the present continuous form of the verbs from the box.

hold offer organise ~~perform~~ play sing

What's on in Hampton this week?

Theatre Royal

The Hampton Drama society (1) *is performing*

As You Like It by William Shakespeare.

Wednesday – Saturday 7.30 pm.

The City Concert Hall

Simon Lee and Martha Glassen (2)

songs from operas by Mozart, Verdi and Puccini on Friday at 7 pm.

Hampton Sports Stadium

The college football team (3)

against a touring team from Germany at 2 pm on Saturday.

Market Square

Local farmers (4) their
monthly market this Sunday from 10 am to 2 pm.

Shopping Mall

All clothes shops (5)
discounts to shoppers before 11 am every day this week.

City Museum

The education department (6)

three special children's days – on Tuesday, Wednesday and
Thursday – for 8 to 12 year olds.

For more details, phone the City Information Office 292936

2 Complete the sentences with the present continuous form of the verbs.

A WENDY: Hi, Janice.

JANICE: Hello, Wendy! (1) *Are you waiting* (you / wait) for the London train?

WENDY: No, I (2) (meet) my mother off the train from Bristol.

B MANDY: (3) (my radio / disturb) you?

JAMES: No, not at all. I (4) (enjoy) the music.

C TOM: (5) (anyone / use) this room today?

ELLEN: The marketing managers (6) (have) a meeting
here this afternoon, but it's free this morning.

D NINA: Why (7) (those people / shout)?

GRAHAM: They (8) (demonstrate) against low wages.

E BEN: (9) (you / apply) for the manager's job when he
retires?

COLIN: (10) I (consider) it, but I haven't decided yet.

F SALLY: (11) (Jane / leave) work early today?

SUE: Yes, she (12) (fly) to Brussels at five o'clock.

G TIM: (13) (you / come) to the party on Thursday?

BILL: No, I (14) (work) late, unfortunately.

3 Complete the description with the present continuous form of suitable verbs. Use the negative where necessary.



Mr and Mrs Clark and Percy by David Hockney, 1970

This is a painting of two people and their cat. Mr Clark (1) *is sitting* on a chair. Mrs Clark (2) near him. They (3) at each other, but at the viewer. Mrs Clark (4) a long dress. Mr Clark's got trousers and a jumper, but he (5) shoes. Percy is on Mr Clark's lap and he (6) something in the garden. The sun (7) outside, but the room is a bit dark. We can see part of a picture which (8) on the wall behind Mrs Clark. There's a vase of lilies on the table, and a book (9) beside it.

4 Choose a picture or photograph you like and describe what is happening in it.

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Complete the text with the present simple form of the verbs.

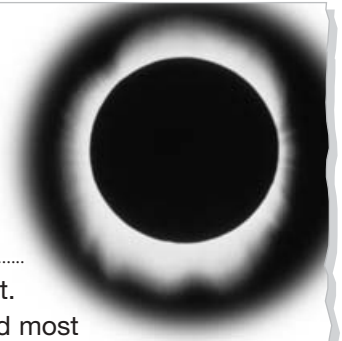
What is an eclipse?

A solar eclipse (1) happens (happen) when the moon
 (2) (pass) in front of the sun. This only
 (3) (take) place when there is a new moon.
 It (4) (last) for up to 7.5 minutes.

During a solar eclipse, it is dark. The birds (5)
 (not sing), and animals (6) (keep) still and quiet.

A solar eclipse (7) (not happen) very often, and most
 people (8) (enjoy) seeing one. However, it's important not to look
 straight at the sun. If you (9) (not remember) this, you can damage
 your eyes.

A lunar eclipse (10) (occur) when the earth's shadow
 (11) (fall) on the moon. The moon (12) (look)
 dim until it (13) (come) out from the shadow.



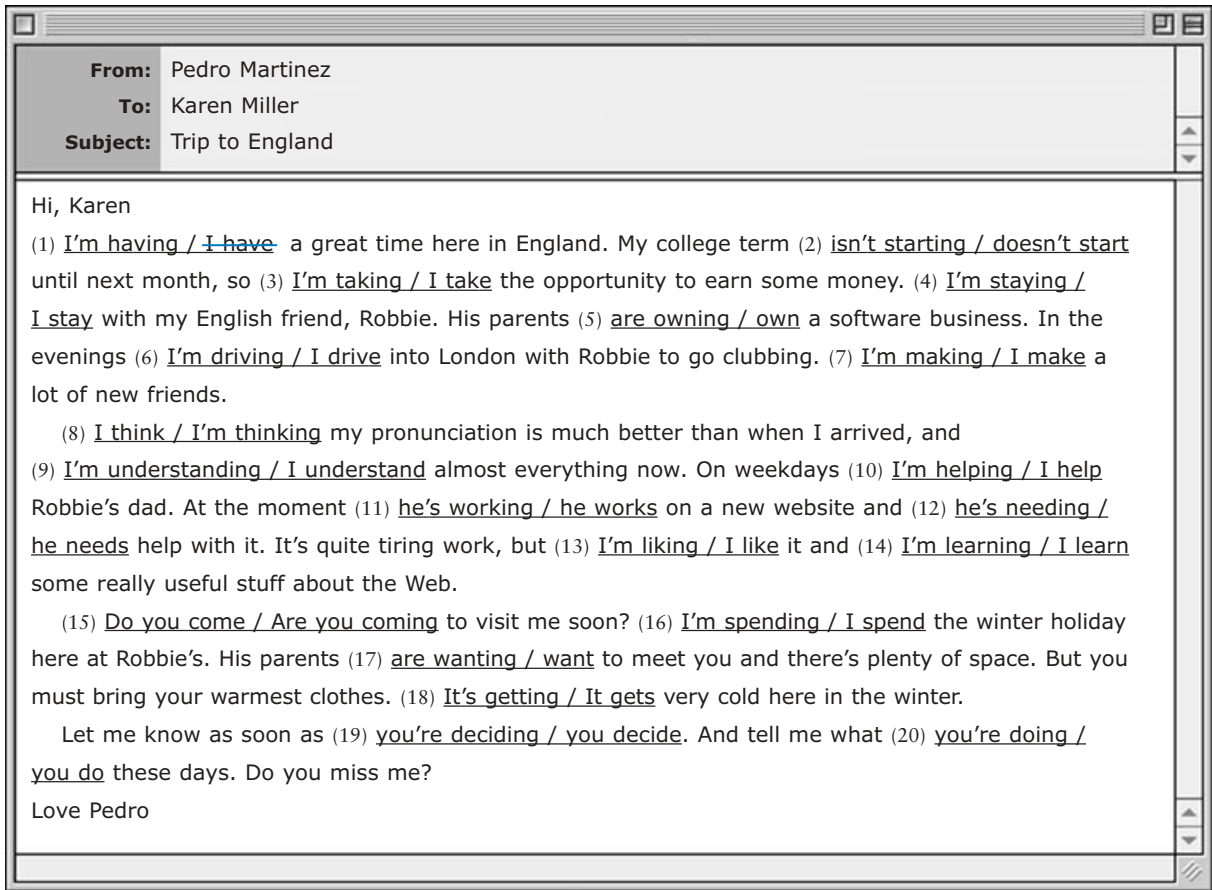
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Complete the questions with the present simple form of the verbs.

- 1 Which day of the week do you go
 (you / go) to yoga class? On Thursdays.
- 2 What time
 (the post / come)? About 9.30.
- 3
 (your sister / have) a mobile? Yes, I can give you her number.
- 4 How often
 (you / see) your brother? Nearly every weekend.
- 5 Why
 (you / travel) to work by bus? Because it's cheaper than the train.
- 6 Where
 (your secretary / keep) the spare discs? In that box beside the printer.
- 7
 (you / want) a cold drink? No thanks, I've just had one.
- 8 How many hours
 (you / work) in a week? About thirty-five, usually.
- 9 How long
 (you / spend) on your homework? At least one hour every evening.
- 10
 (the paper shop / sell) stamps? Yes, you can get some there.

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Choose the correct alternative.



8

Choose words from the box and make sentences ending as shown. Use verbs in the present continuous or present simple and any other words you need.

I	My best friend	My boss	My boyfriend	My classmates	My family
My father	My sister	My wife	None of my friends	Our children	
Our next-door neighbour	Our teacher	Several of my colleagues			

- 1 My boyfriend is studying for his final exams this term.
- 2 My sister doesn't go to the cinema very often.
- 3 My classmates aren't talking much right now.
- 4 this year.
- 5 every week.
- 6 at the moment.
- 7 this year.
- 8 at weekends.
- 9 this term.
- 10 right now.

9 Put the verbs into the correct form: present continuous or present simple.

Tony Hunt, a journalist, is interviewing Leila Markham, an environmental scientist.

TONY: So tell me, Leila, why is it important to save the rainforests?

LEILA: There are a number of reasons. One is that many plants which could be useful in medicine (1)*grow*..... (grow) in the rainforest. We (2) (not / know) all the plants, but there are thousands and thousands of them. Researchers (3) (try) to discover their secrets before they are destroyed.

TONY: I see. What other reasons are there?

LEILA: Well, have you heard that the world (4) (get) warmer?

TONY: Do you mean what scientists call ‘global warming’?

LEILA: That’s right. The rainforests have always had an important influence on our weather. They (5) (disappear) at a terrifying rate and people (6) (not / do) enough to save them.

TONY: But I (7) (enjoy) warm sunshine. Is global warming really such a problem?

LEILA: You know that the polar regions (8) (consist) of millions of tons of ice. If they (9) (melt), the level of the sea will rise and cause terrible floods. Many scientists (10) (believe) that temperatures (11) (already / rise). We must do everything we can to prevent global warming, and that includes preserving the rainforests!

TONY: Thank you, Leila, and good luck in your campaign.

LEILA: Thank you.



10 Tick (✓) the sentences which are correct. In some pairs, one sentence is correct. In other pairs, both sentences are correct.

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| 1 What do you think of my hair? ✓ | What are you thinking of my hair? |
| 2 You look great today! | You’re looking great today! |
| 3 Do you enjoy your meal? | Are you enjoying your meal? |
| 4 I think of selling my car. | I’m thinking of selling my car. |
| 5 Where do you live? | Where are you living? |
| 6 I don’t believe his story. | I’m not believing his story. |
| 7 The students seem tired today. | The students are seeming tired today. |
| 8 He weighs 80 kilos. | He’s weighing 80 kilos. |
| 9 How often do you play tennis? | How often are you playing tennis? |
| 10 My brother looks for a new job. | My brother is looking for a new job. |