



## UNIT 2: A refugee's "dreamland"

### Grammar Worksheet

#### Exercises in Present Tenses

#### 1. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct present form.

- 1 A: Tortoises ...*live*... (live) to be very old.  
B: I've heard of one which is over a hundred years old.
- 2 A: Are you still busy?  
B: Yes. I ..... (read) this article for an hour and I still ..... (not/finish).
- 3 A: More and more people ..... (go) to university these days.  
B: Yes. I think it's a good thing.
- 4 A: I ..... (have) a party tonight. Do you want to come?  
B: Yes. What time does it start?
- 5 A: Why are your shoes wet?  
B: I ..... (wash) the car.
- 6 A: What's the matter?  
B: I ..... (break) my ankle.
- 7 A: What do I need to do next?  
B: You ..... (add) the sugar to the mixture and you ..... (mix) it well.
- 8 A: Who ..... (use) my car?  
B: I have.
- 9 A: Are you new here?  
B: No. Actually, I ..... (live) here for almost ten years.
- 10 A: Pete is playing his music very loud.  
B: Again! He ..... (always/do) that!
- 11 A: Have you made plans for Saturday yet?  
B: I ..... (go) to the cinema with Jack.
- 12 A: Mr Collins is a very good teacher.  
B: Well, he ..... (teach) Maths for twenty-five years, you know.
- 13 A: Are you going to the concert on Saturday night?  
B: Yes. Actually, I ..... (already/buy) the tickets.
- 14 A: Hello, Simon.  
B: Oh! We ..... (always/meet) each other in this supermarket.

## 2. Put the verbs in brackets into the present simple or the present continuous.

- 1 A: Why ...*are you smelling*... (you/smell) the soap?  
B: It ..... (smell) lovely. It's like roses!
- 2 A: Why ..... (you/taste) the soup?  
B: To see if it ..... (taste) good. I think it needs more salt.
- 3 A: I ..... (feel) very tired.  
B: You should go to bed early.
- 4 A: I ..... (see) Andy this evening.  
B: I ..... (see). So, you don't want to come to the cinema with me, do you?
- 5 A: How much ..... (the bag of apples/weigh)?  
B: I don't know yet. The man ..... (weigh) the bag now.
- 6 A: I ..... (think) about buying a new car soon.  
B: Why? I ..... (think) your car is fine. You don't need a new one.
- 7 A: What ..... (you/look) at?  
B: The sky. It ..... (look) as if it's going to rain.
- 8 A: I really ..... (enjoy) home-made food.  
B: So do I, and I ..... (enjoy) every bit of this meal.
- 9 A: Why ..... (you/feel) the radiator?  
B: It ..... (feel) cold in here. Is the heating on?
- 10 A: That famous opera singer ..... (appear) at the opera house tonight.  
B: Yes. He ..... (appear) to be feeling better after his operation.
- 11 A: Chris ..... (be) a sensible person, isn't he?  
B: Yes, but in this case he ..... (be) rather foolish.
- 12 A: My dad ..... (fit) the old blind from the living room in my bedroom today.  
B: Really? ..... (it/fit) that window?
- 13 A: My back ..... (hurt).  
B: Why don't you lie down for a while?

## 3. Fill in the gaps with *have / has been (to)*, *have / has been (in)* or *have / has gone (to)*.

Editor : Where's Stevens? I haven't seen him for days.  
 Secretary : He 1) ... *has gone to* ... Washington to interview Kim Basinger.  
 Editor : How long 2) ..... he ..... Washington?  
 Secretary : Three days.  
 Editor : What about Milton and Knowles?  
 Secretary : They 3) ..... London. They're going to interview the Royal Family.  
 Editor : 4) ..... anyone ..... Paris to talk to Alain Delon?  
 Secretary : Smith 5) ..... his country house. He interviewed him there yesterday actually. He's coming back today.