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Put the verbs in brackets into the simple present or the present continuous tense.

- Cuckoos (not build) nests. They (use) the nests of other birds.
- You can't see Tom now: he (have) a bath.
- He usually (drink) coffee but today he (drink) tea.
- What she (do) in the evenings? ~
She usually (play) cards or (watch) TV.
- I won't go out now as it (rain) and I (not have) an umbrella.
- The last train (leave) the station at 11:30.
- He usually (speak) so quickly that I (not understand) him.
- Ann (make) a dress for herself at the moment. She (make) all her own clothes.
- Hardly anyone (wear) a hat nowadays.
- I'm afraid I've broken one of your coffee cups. ~
Don't worry. I (not like) that set anyway.
- I (wear) my sunglasses today because the sun is very strong.
- Tom can't have the newspaper now because his aunt (read) it.
- I'm busy at the moment. I (redecorate) the sitting room.
- The kettle (boil) now. Shall I make the tea?
- You (enjoy) yourself or would you like to leave now? ~
I (enjoy) myself very much. I (want) to stay to the end.
- How you (get) to work as a rule? ~
I usually (go) by bus but tomorrow I (go) in Tom's car.
- Why you (put) on your coat? ~
I (go) for a walk. You (come) with me? ~
Yes, I'd love to come. You (mind) if I bring my dog?
- How much you (owe) him? ~
I (owe) him £5.
You (intend) to pay him? ~

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Put the verbs in brackets into the simple past or past continuous tense.

- Mr. Smith never (wake) up in time in the mornings and always (get) into trouble for being late: so one day he (go) to town and (buy) an alarm clock.
- To get home he (have to) go through a field where a bad-tempered bull usually (graze).
- This bull normally (not chase) people unless something (make) him angry. Unfortunately, as Mr. Smith (cross) the field, his alarm clock (go) off.
- This (annoy) the bull, who immediately (begin) to chase Mr. Smith.
- Mr. Smith (carry) an open umbrella as it (rain) slightly. He (throw) the umbrella to the ground and (run) away as fast as he could.
- The bull (stop) and (begin) to attack the umbrella. While he (do) this Mr. Smith escaped.
- When he (awake) she (sit) by the window. She (look) at something in the street, but when he (call) her she (turn) and (smile) at him.
- Why you (interrupt) me just now? I (have) a very interesting conversation with Mr. Pitt.
- The murderer (carry) the corpse down the stairs when he (hear) a knock on the door.
- When I (look) through your books I (notice) that you have a copy of *Murder in the Cathedral*.
- As they (walk) along the road they (hear) a car coming from behind them. Tom (turn) round and (hold) up his hand. The car (stop).
- When I (arrive) at the station Mary (wait) for me. She

(wear) a blue dress and (look) very pretty. As soon as she (see) me she (wave) and (shout) something, but I couldn't hear what she (say) because everybody (make) such a noise.

- The prisoner (escape) by climbing the wall of the garden where he (work). He (wear) blue overalls and black shoes.
- She said that the car (travel) at 40 k.p.h. when it (begin) to skid.
- She said that she (not like) her present flat and (try) to find another.
- While he (make) his speech the minister suddenly (feel) faint. But someone (bring) him a glass of water and after a few minutes he (be able) to continue.
- When I (see) him he (paint) a portrait of his wife. ~
You (like) it? ~
He only just (start) when I (see) it, so I couldn't judge.
- I (take) my friend to a murder trial the other day. ~
Who (be) tried? ~
A man called Bill Sykes. ~
Was he acquitted? ~
I don't know. They still (listen) to the evidence when we (leave).

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Use the correct form of the verb in parentheses in each sentence. Choose only the simple present tense (example: he writes), the continuous present tense (example: he is writing), or the perfect present tense (example: he has written).

- That student (*know*) all of the new words very well now.
- Mr. Howell (*work*) for the Ajax Company for nine years.
- The two mechanics (*finish*) the work right now.
- It (*rain*) very much in this region in the spring.
- Betty's friend Thomas (*lose*) his Greek-English dictionary.
- Fred's brother (*graduate, just*) from Purdue University.
- The plumber (*repair*) the leak in that pipe now.
- That student (*make*) much progress since September.
- Listen! I (*hear*) someone at the front door.
- We (*see*) the famous Washington Monument many times.
- The earth (*circle*) the sun once every 365 days.
- At present, Professor Moore (*write*) another book.
- Our present teacher (*live*) in this city all of his life.
- James (*take*) a course in European history this semester.
- I (*call*) Mr. Lucas about five times in the past hour.
- Yes, I (*remember*) that other fellow's name now.
- Our friends from Cuba (*enjoy*) everything here up to now.
- Mr. Harris (*teach*) English from two o'clock to five o'clock.
- That brown briefcase (*belong*) to Professor Crowell.
- Mr. Berg (*live*) in this country three years now.
- We (*study*) the use of verbs in English at the moment.
- It (*rain*) very hard almost every day this week.
- Daniel Soto (*work*) about thirty-eight hours a week.
- My uncle (*be*) in New York more than two months.
- Just a minute! I (*look up*) that word in the dictionary.
- Up to the present, we (*write*) almost every lesson in the book.
- The sun (*get*) very hot during the afternoon.
- I (*watch*) a baseball game on television every Saturday.
- I (*have*) very little trouble with these lessons up to now.
- Helen and I (*wait*) right here since four o'clock.
- For the time being, the workers (*use*) a different method.
- My friends Charles and Tom (*need*) some money right away.