

Present Continuous Exercises

For INTERMEDIATE students of English

1. Complete the sentences with the following verbs in the correct form:

get	happen	look	lose	make	start	stay	try	work
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1. 'You're **working** hard today.' 'Yes, I have a lot to do.'
2. I _____ for Christine. Do you know where she is?
3. It _____ dark. Shall I turn on the light? ,
4. They don't have anywhere to live at the moment. They _____ with friends until they find somewhere.
5. Things are not so good at work. The company _____ money.
6. Have you got an umbrella? It _____ to rain.
7. You _____ a lot of noise. Can you be quieter? I _____ to concentrate.
8. Why are all these people here? What _____?

2. Put the verb into the correct form. Sometimes you need the negative (I'm not doing etc.).

1. Please don't make so much noise. I'm **trying** (try) to work.
2. Let's go out now. It isn't raining (rain) any more.
3. You can turn off the radio. I _____ (listen) to it.
4. Kate phoned me last night. She's on holiday in France. She _____ (have) a great time and doesn't want to come back.
5. I want to lose weight, so this week I _____ (eat) lunch.
6. Andrew has just started evening classes. He _____ (learn) German.
7. Paul and Sally have had an argument. They _____ (speak) to each other.
8. I _____ (get) tired. I need a rest.
9. Tim _____ (work) this week. He's on holiday.

3. Complete the conversations.

A: I saw Brian a few days ago.

B: Oh, did you? 1. **What's he doing these days?** (what / he / do)

A: He's at university.

B: 2. _____? (what / he / study)

A: Psychology.

B: 3. _____ it? (he/enjoy)

A: Yes, he says it's a very good course.

A: Hi, Liz. How 4. _____ in your new job? (you / get on)

B: Not bad. It wasn't so good at first, but 5. _____ better now. (things/get)

A: What about Jonathan? Is he OK?

B: Yes, but 6. _____ his work at the moment, (he / not / enjoy)

He's been in the same job for a long time and 7. _____ to get bored with it. (he / begin)

4. Complete the sentences using the following verbs:

begin	change	get	increase	rise
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1. The population of the world **is increasing** very fast.
2. The world _____. Things never stay the same.
3. The situation is already bad and it _____ worse.
4. The cost of living _____. Every year things are more expensive.
5. The weather _____ to improve. The rain has stopped, and the wind isn't as strong.

5. A friend of yours is planning to go on holiday soon. You ask her about her plans. Use the words in brackets to make your questions.

1. (where / go?) – **Where are you going?**
2. (how long / go for?) - _____
3. (when / leave?) - _____
4. (go / alone?) - _____
5. (travel / by car?) - _____
6. (where / stay?) - _____



6. Tom wants you to visit him, but you are very busy. Look at your diary for the next few days and explain to him why you can't come.

TOM: Can you come on Monday evening?

YOU: Sorry, but 1. **I'm playing volleyball.**

TOM: What about Tuesday evening then?

YOU: No, not Tuesday. I 2. _____

TOM: And Wednesday evening?

YOU: 3. _____

TOM: Well, are you free on Thursday?

YOU: I'm afraid not. 4. _____

7. Have you arranged to do anything at these times? Write sentences about yourself.

1. (this evening) **I'm going out this evening.** or **I'm not doing anything this evening.**
2. (tomorrow morning) I _____
3. (tomorrow evening) _____
4. (next Sunday) _____
5. (choose another day or time) _____

