

# Simple Present tense and Present Continuous tense exercises with answers

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- 3 I hope Julia will be here soon. I ..... (depend) on her.
- 4 Please be quiet! You ..... (continually interrupt).
- 5 Hey, you! What ..... (you think) you're doing?
- 6 Could you come here please? I ..... (want) to talk to you now.
- 7 Fulya is away on holiday so Mona ..... (handle) her work.
- 8 To be honest, I ..... (doubt) whether Mr. Johnson will be here next week.
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### 2 Put each verb in brackets into the most suitable present tense. Listen and check.



I work in a large office with about thirty other people, most of whom I ..... (know) quite well. We (2) ..... (spend) most of the day together, so we have all become friends. In fact, most of my colleagues are so interesting, that I (3) ..... (think) of writing a book about them!

(4) ..... (take) Eva Carlington, for example. Eva (5) ..... (run) the accounts department. At the moment she (6) ..... (go out) with Joseph Williams, one of the sales representatives, and they (7) ..... (seem) very happy together. But everyone (except Eva apparently) (8) ..... (know) that Joseph (9) ..... (always make) eyes at Lisa Purkland.

But I (10) ..... (happen) to know that Lisa (11) ..... (dislike) Joseph. 'I can't stand people who (12) ..... (apologise) all the time!' she told me. 'And besides, I know he (13) ..... (deceive) poor Eva. He (14) ..... (see) Shirley Smith from the overseas department.' And plenty of other interesting things (15) ..... (go on) For instance, every week money (16) ..... (disappear) from the petty cash box. When you (17) ..... (realise) that someone in your office is a thief, it (18) ..... (upset) you at first. But I (19) ..... (also try) to catch whoever it is before the police are called in. I'm not going to tell you who I (20) ..... (suspect). Well, not yet anyway!



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## PDF Answer Key



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- 3 I hope Julia will be here soon. I **am depending** (depend) on her.
- 4 Please be quiet! You **are continually interrupting**... (continually interrupt).
- 5 Hey, you! What .....**do you think**..... (you think) you're doing?
- 6 Could you come here please? I **want**..... (want) to talk to you now.
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