

Exercises

UNIT 3

3.1 Are the underlined verbs right or wrong? Correct them where necessary.

1. Water boils at 212 degrees Fahrenheit. OK
2. The water boils. Can you turn it off? is boiling
3. Look! That man tries to open the door of your car. _____
4. Can you hear those people? What do they talk about? _____
5. The moon goes around the earth in about 27 days. _____
6. I have to go now. It gets late. _____
7. I usually drive to work. _____
8. "Hurry up! It's time to leave." "OK, I come." _____
9. I hear you've got a new job. How does it go? _____
10. Paul is never late. He's always getting to work on time. _____
11. They don't get along well. They're always arguing. _____

3.2 Put the verb into the correct form, present continuous or simple present.

1. Let's go out. It isn't raining (not / rain) now.
2. Julia is very good at languages. She speaks (speak) four languages very well.
3. Hurry up! Everybody _____ (wait) for you.
4. "_____ (you / listen) to the radio?" "No, you can turn it off."
5. "_____ (you / listen) to the radio every day?" "No, just occasionally."
6. The River Nile _____ (flow) into the Mediterranean.
7. The river _____ (flow) very fast today - much faster than usual.
8. We usually _____ (grow) vegetables in our garden, but this year we _____ (not / grow) any.
9. A: How's your English?
B: Not bad. I think it _____ (improve) slowly.
10. Rachel is in New York right now. She _____ (stay) at the Park Hotel. She always _____ (stay) there when she's in New York.
11. Can we stop walking soon? I _____ (start) to feel tired.
12. A: Can you drive?
B: I _____ (learn). My father _____ (teach) me.
13. Normally I _____ (finish) work at five, but this week I _____ (work) until six to earn a little more money.
14. My parents _____ (live) in Taipei. They were born there and have never lived anywhere else. Where _____ (your parents / live)?
15. Sonia _____ (look) for a place to live. She _____ (stay) with her sister until she finds a place.
16. A: What _____ (your brother / do)?
B: He's an architect, but he _____ (not / work) right now.
17. (at a party) I usually _____ (enjoy) parties, but I _____ (not / enjoy) this one very much.

3.3 Finish B's sentences. Use **always -ing**.

1. A: I've lost my keys again.
B: Not again! You're always losing your keys
2. A: The car has broken down again.
B: That car is useless. It _____
3. A: Look! You made the same mistake again.
B: Oh no, not again! I _____
4. A: Oh, I forgot my glasses again.
B: That's typical! _____

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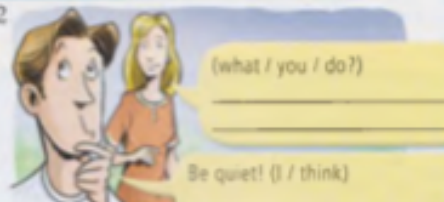
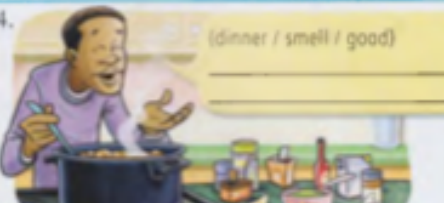
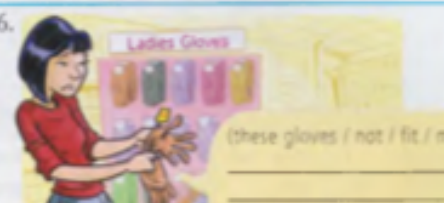
UNIT 4

4.1 Are the underlined verbs right or wrong? Correct them where necessary.

- Nicky is thinking of giving up her job.
- Are you believing in God?
- I'm feeling hungry. Is there anything to eat?
- This sauce is great. It's tasting really good.
- I'm thinking this is your key. Is it?

OK

4.2 Use the words in parentheses to make sentences. (You should also study Unit 3 before you do this exercise.)

1.  (you / not / seem / very happy today) <u>You don't seem very happy today.</u>	2.  (what / you / do?) <u>Be quiet! (I / think)</u>
3.  (who / this umbrella / belong to?) <u>I have no idea.</u>	4.  (dinner / smell / good) <u></u>
5.  (Excuse me. / anybody / sit / there?) <u>No, go ahead.</u>	6.  (these gloves / not / fit / me) <u>They're too small.</u>

4.3 Put the verb into the correct form, present continuous or simple present.

- Are you hungry? Do you want (you / want) something to eat?
- Don't put the dictionary away. I use (use) it.
- Don't put the dictionary away. I need (need) it.
- Who is that man? What he / want (he / want)?
- Who is that man? Why he / look (he / look) at us?
- Alan says he's 80 years old, but nobody believes (believe) him.
- She told me her name, but I don't remember (not / remember) it now.
- I am thinking (think) of selling my car. Are you interested in buying it?
- I use (think) you should sell your car. You use (not / use) it very often.
- Air consists (consist) mainly of nitrogen and oxygen.

4.4 Complete the sentences using the most appropriate form of **be**, simple present (**am/is/are**) or present continuous (**am/is/are being**).

- I can't understand why he's being so selfish. He isn't usually like that.
- Sarah is very nice to me these days. I wonder why.
- You'll like Debbie when you meet her. She is very nice.
- You're usually very patient, so why are you being unreasonable about waiting 10 more minutes?
- Why isn't Steve at work today? is he being sick?

Answer Key to Exercises

In some of the exercises you have to use your own ideas to write sentences. Example answers are given in the Answer Key. If possible, check your answers with somebody who speaks English well.

UNIT 1

1.1

2. 'm looking (am looking)
3. 's getting (is getting)
4. 're staying (are staying)
5. is losing
6. 's starting (is starting)
7. 're making (are making)
- 'm trying (am trying)
8. 's happening (is happening)

1.2

3. 'm not listening (am not listening)
4. 's having (is having)
5. 'm not eating (am not eating)
6. 's studying (is studying)
7. aren't speaking / 're not speaking
(are not speaking)
8. 'm getting (am getting)
9. isn't working / 's not working
(is not working)

1.3

1. What's he studying
Is he enjoying
he's learning
2. is your new job going
it's getting
he isn't enjoying / he's not enjoying
he's beginning

1.4

2. is changing
3. 's getting (is getting)
4. is rising
5. is beginning

UNIT 2

2.1

2. drink
3. opens
4. causes
5. live
6. take
7. connects

2.2

2. do the banks close
3. don't watch (do not watch)
4. does Ricardo come
5. do you do
6. takes ... does it take
7. does this word mean
8. doesn't exercise (does not exercise)

2.3

3. rises
4. make
5. don't eat

6. doesn't believe
7. translates
8. don't tell
9. flows

2.4

2. Does ... play tennis?
3. Which newspaper do you read?
4. What does your brother do?
5. How often do you go to the movies?
6. Where do your grandparents live?

2.5

2. I promise
3. I insist
4. I apologize
5. I recommend

UNIT 3

3.1

3. is trying
4. are they talking
5. OK
6. It's getting (It is getting)
7. OK
8. I'm coming (I am coming)
9. is it going
10. He always gets
11. OK

3.2

3. 's waiting (is waiting)
4. Are you listening
5. Do you listen
6. flows
7. 's flowing (is flowing)
8. grow ... aren't growing / 're not growing
(are not growing)
9. 's improving (is improving)
10. 's staying (is staying) ... stays
11. 'm starting (am starting)
12. 'm learning (am learning) ...
's teaching (is teaching)
13. finish ... 'm working
(am working)
14. live ... do your parents live
15. 's looking (is looking) ... 's staying
(is staying)
16. does your brother do ... isn't working
(is not working)
17. enjoy ... 'm not enjoying
(am not enjoying)

3.3

2. 's always breaking down.
3. 'm always making the same mistake. / ... that mistake.

4. You're always forgetting your glasses.

UNIT 4

4.1

2. Do you believe
3. OK
4. It tastes
5. I think

4.2

2. What are you doing? I'm thinking
3. Who does this umbrella belong to?
4. Dinner smells good.
5. Is anybody sitting there?
6. These gloves don't fit me.

4.3

2. 'm using
3. need
4. does he want
5. is he looking
6. believes
7. don't remember or can't remember
8. 'm thinking
9. think ... don't use
10. consists

4.4

2. is being
3. 's
4. are you being
5. Is he

UNIT 5

5.1

2. had
3. walked to work
4. took her (about) half an hour
5. She started work
6. She didn't have / She didn't eat
(She did not have/eat)
7. She finished work
8. She was ... she got
9. She cooked
10. She didn't go
11. She went to bed
12. She slept

5.2

2. taught
3. sold
4. fell ... hurt
5. threw ... caught
6. spent ... bought ... cost