**Тема 12 THE VERB: THE PRESENT SIMPLE TENSE, THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE**

**Exercise 1 Comment on the use of the Present Continuous and the Simple Present in the following sentences:**

1 “Normally you are very sensible, so why are you being so silly about this matter?” 2 Son, I am not going to send you any more money this month. You are spending far too much. You need to learn to be more careful. 3 We got an invitation in the mail from Ron and Maureen. They are having dinner party next Saturday evening. 4 You two are always assuming people are unhappy so that you can pity them. 5 Thanks for your invitation, but I am going to have dinner with my sister and her husband. 6 Opinion is changing in favour of stronger penalties for armed robbery. 7 The shops are getting ready for Christmas already. They are beginning to put up the decorations in Regent Street. 8 They haven’t got anywhere to live at the moment. They are living with friends until they find somewhere. 9 The world is changing. Things never stay the same. 10 I want to lose weight, so this week I am not eating lunch. 11 My grandmother is never satisfied. She is always complaining. 12 That car is useless! It’s always breaking down. 13 I apologize for what I said about you. 14 The new restaurant in Hill Street is very good. I recommend it.

**Exercise 2 Complete the sentences with the Simple Present or Present Continuous of the verbs in parentheses:**

1 That man is twice my weight. He (to weigh) 98 kilos.

2 I (to weigh) myself on the scales. I think I am over weight

3 Martha is at the market. Right now she (to look) at the figs. She wants to buy some. They (to look) fresh.

4 Sue is in the science building. The chemistry experiment she is doing now is very dangerous, so she (to be) very careful. She doesn’t want to spill any of the acid. She (to be) always careful when she does a chemistry experiment.

5 “Susie! Get your fingers out of the dessert! What are you doing?” “I am (to taste) the cake. It (to taste) good.”

6 Mrs. Edwards (to have) a cat and a dog. They are always fighting.

7 Don’t disturb your father, Bob! He (to have) an important conversation with his boss.

8 “Will you listen to him?” “That (to depend).”

9 Don’t let him down. He (to depend) on you.

10 I (to smell) something burning. Is there anything cooking on the stove?

11 Look! The child (to smell) the flower. He is imitating the grown-ups.

12 Where did you buy these sheets? They (to feel) soft.

13 Close the door, please. I (to feel) cold. I (to feel) that I am going to get ill.

14 “I still (to think) about John.” “I (not to think) you should worry about him.”

15 “I have an appointment with Mr. Jackson”. “Yes, I know. He (to expect) you” said the secretary.

16 I haven’t seen Carol today. I (to expect) her to phone me this evening.

**Exercise 3 Use the Present Continuous and the Simple Present to express future actions in the following sentences:**

1 I am sorry, I can’t say when she (to be) home.

2 If interview (to go) well, I shall get that job.

3 Joseph, see that there (to be) plenty of lamps for the guests.

4 What time the train (to leave) for Nottingham?

5 Mary and Adam’s wedding (to be) next week.

6 Norah said: “I (to go) home tomorrow. My law term (to begin) soon”.

7 She looked at her husband. “I am nervous. What I (to tell) them?”

8 The next plane (to leave) Salt Lake at six o’clock.

9 I wonder if the agent (to manage) to make contact with him in Amsterdam.

10 I am sure we will have peace together when he (to be) gone.

11 Her voice was sharp and commanding: “I (not to go) home alone. Come on.”

12 “What we (to do) now?” she asked as they reached the street.

13 Don’t ask me any more questions. I only know that he (to leave) the country tomorrow.

14 I am Dr. Salt. And I have an appointment with your chief. Now where I (to go) in?

15 “Do you know what time we (to arrive) at the frontier?” asked the soldier.

**Exercise 4 Find and correct the errors in the following sentences. All of the mistakes are in verb tense form and usage:**

1 The bank lent us money for a down payment; so now we are owning the house we used to rent.

2 Look at Joan. She bites her fingernails. She must be nervous.

3 He won’t let anyone see the painting until it will be finished.

4 I am feeling that you don’t want to join us.

5 These shoes are feeling tight.

6 He is owing an apology and an explanation to us.

7 The other big island, which is lying to the west of Great Britain, is Ireland.

8 This box is weighing a lot. It is too heavy for me to lift.

9 Juan! What’s the matter with your hand. It bleeds.

10 I think about the verbs in this grammar practice right now. I am thinking all of my answers are correct, but I’ll use the answer key to check them when I’ll finish, just to make sure.

**Exercise 5 Use either the Simple Present or the Present Continuous of the verbs in the list to complete the sentences. Use each verb only one time:**

to retire; to go fishing; to be; to name; to exaggerate; to expect; to prefer; to need;

to suppose; to walk; to get over; to see to (to repair); to fight; to feel; to shrink; to stand; to overhear; not to do; to contain; to prepare; to depend; to burn; to realize; to go.

1 Pete was ill, but he… his illness now.

2 People traditionally… coloured eggs at Easter.

3 “Write and tell her you won’t come on Thursday, Tell her you … it isn't right.”

4 My two children don’t get along. It seems they always….

5 The plumber is here. He … that leak in our tank.

6 At the further end of the village… the medieval church.

7 That sweater won’t fit you if you wash it in hot water. Wool … in hot water.

8 I… that she will phone tonight.

9 Norah see that there... enough champagne for the guests.

10 “Tell her to come and see me if she … a medical attention or a friend.”

11 Stay by the door and make sure that nobody … us.

12 My car has broken down, so I … to work these days.

13 That’s the best we can hope for, I….

14 I hear our boss … tomorrow.

15 If all … well, I shall finish it in a fortnight.

16 “If you feel so strongly”, she said, “Why … you it?”

17 “Will you come?” – “That …, will Sue be there?”

18 Come on! Tell me everything. I … with curiosity to know what happened to you yesterday.

19 I think I’ll buy this atlas. It … forty maps.

20 In nine cases out of ten children … chocolate ice-cream.

21 If you always … people will no longer believe you.

22 “And how about you? … you still … on Saturday mornings?”

23 “Ladies and gentlemen, I … this ship HMS Victory.”

24 … you … that we have been here for six months already?

**Exercise 6 Put each verb in brackets into the most suitable present tense:**

I work in a large office with about thirty other people, most of whom I (to know) quite well. We (to spend) most of the day together, so we have all become friends. In fact, most of my colleagues are so interesting that I (to think) of writing a book about them! (To take) Helen Watson, for example. Helen (to run) the accounts department. At the moment she (to go out) with Bob Balantine, one of the sales representatives, and they (to seem) very happy together. But everyone except Helen apparently (to know) that Bob always (to make) eyes at Susan Porter. But I (to happen) to know that Susan (to dislike) Bob. “I can't’ stand people who (to apologies) all the time!” She told me. “And besides, I know he (to deceive) poor Helen. He (to see) Betty Wills from the overseas department.” And plenty of other interesting things (to go on). For instance, every week money (to disappear from the petty cash box. When you (to realize) that someone in your office is a thief, it (to upset) you at first. But I (also try) to catch whoever it is before the police (to be called in). I’m going to tell you who I (suspect), well, not yet anyway.

**Exercise 7 Translate the following sentences from Russian into English:**

1. Кто сейчас сдает экзамен? – моя подруга. 2 У тебя все еще дрожат руки. 3 Вечно она со всеми ссорится! 4 Он работает теперь в другом месте, и дела у него идут хорошо. 5 Почему она плачет? – Не знаю, я стараюсь ее успокоить. 6 У них сейчас урок английского языка. 7 Мы сидим у окна, ярко светит солнце, мимо нашего дома спешат люди. 8 Почему ты всегда ворчишь? 9 Что ты о нем думаешь? – Я думаю, что он хороший собеседник. 10 Сейчас мы подходим к церкви. Каждый год сотни туристов приезжают полюбоваться ею. 11 Как ты себя чувствуешь? – Не могу пожаловаться. Если жалуешься, то никто не слушает тебя. 12 Брюс насторожился. Голос, который он слышал, взывал о помощи. 13 На ней сегодня новая шляпка. Она прекрасно выглядит. 14 Клара пробует мороженое. Оно восхитительно на вкус. 15 Я думаю о тебе. Я считаю, что ты – девушка моей мечты. 16 У них сейчас второй завтрак. У них проблема. Они обсуждают ее. 17 Он работает как раб. Экзамены приближаются. 18 Она щупает бархат. Он такой мягкий. Она чувствует себя счастливой. 19 Моя бабушка постоянно делает мне подарки. 20 Гораздо больше денег в том, что делаешь ты, чем в том, чем занимаюсь я.