



# Learn English Through Stories

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## Present Time 2

### 1. Match the beginnings and ends.

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|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1. What do you do? ...                 | A. Actually, that's the radio.      |
| 2. What are you doing? ...             | B. French - she's from Switzerland. |
| 3. Where do you work? ...              | C. Computer manuals.                |
| 4. Where are you working? ...          | D. I need to get this car started.  |
| 5. Does your son play the violin? ...  | E. I'm an architect.                |
| 6. Is your son playing the violin? ... | F. A letter to my mother.           |
| 7. What language does she speak? ...   | G. I'm in Cardiff this week.        |
| 8. What language is she speaking? ...  | H. In a big insurance company.      |
| 9. Who drinks champagne? ...           | I. It sounds like Russian.          |
| 10. Who's drinking champagne? ...      | J. Me - can I have some more?       |
| 11. What do you write? ...             | K. Me, when I can afford it.        |
| 12. What are you writing? ...          | L. No, the piano.                   |

## 2. Circle the correct verb forms.

1. I **think** / **am thinking** we're going to be late.
2. Look - **it snows** / **it's snowing**.
3. **Do you look** / **Are you looking** for the bus station?
4. **I don't understand** / **I am not understanding** this application form at all.
5. **Do you know** / **Are you knowing** whether they take dollars here?
6. What **do you want** / **are you wanting**?
7. I **hate** / **am hating** this programme.
8. Why **do you drive** / **are you driving** on the wrong side of the road?
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3.

**A. Put in simple present or present progressive verbs.**

(a). While the meat ..... I ..... the potatoes and ..... them in cold water. (roast, peel, put)

(b). David ..... Miller deliberately ..... the ball away with his hand. But the referee ..... (shoot, knock, not look)

(c). So he ..... into the bar. And there's his girlfriend. She ..... to a good-looking guy with a beard. So he .....to them and ..... 'Hi!' (walk, talk, go up, say)

**B. Put in the correct forms.**

1. I hate it if people ..... me when I .....  
(interrupt, work)

2. I ..... some of my best ideas while I ..... in the country. (get, walk)

3. When Alice ..... about something, she..... funny grunting noises. (think, make)

4. Our house .....really cold when the wind ..... from the east. (get, blow)

#### 4. Choose the correct form.

##### Prison Death Rates

Government Committee 1 **calls** / **is calling** for an investigation into the number of people who 2 now **die** / **are now dying** from natural causes inside the prison system. It 3 **appears** / **is appearing** that because of poor healthcare and a sedentary lifestyle, more and more prisoners 4 **die** / **are dying** prematurely. The increase is not due to a rise in the prison population or an increase in the age of inmates.

A recent report 5 **finds** / **is finding** that the average age of male prisoners who 6 **die** / **are dying** from natural causes is 56; the average for women is 47. In the general British population, the average age of death for men is 78 and for women 81. Death rates are thought to be higher in prison because prisoners 7 **take** / **are taking** less exercise and 8 **eat** / **are eating** less well than most of the population. They 9 **also suffer** / **are also suffering** higher levels of stress, and some 10 **receive** / **are receiving** substandard healthcare. Although the government 11 **currently invests** / **is currently investing** substantial funds in order to improve prisoner welfare, the focus is on reducing levels of suicide and self-harm, and the expenditure 12 **has** / **is having** little or no effect on the more general problem of rising death rates.

5. Choose the best verbs from the boxes to complete the sentences.

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1. 'Can you do me a favour?' 'It..... .'
2. This jam ..... of 50% sugar, 10% fruit, and a lot of other stuff.
3. If that cake ..... nuts, I can't eat it.
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6. I wonder who ..... that dog.
7. No need to tip - the bill ..... 15% service.
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- 12 I'll pay you what I ..... you tomorrow, if that's OK.
- 13 'How much money is the company making?' 'That doesn't ..... you.'
- 14 There ..... to be a problem with the train.
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- 16 'I've got my own helicopter.' 'You don't ..... me.'

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## Answers

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