

# Present tenses

## C Grammar exercises

**C1** Read this advertisement for a job as a TV make-up artist. Complete the magazine article below with the correct form of the present simple.

*Do you want to meet  
lots of famous people?  
Can you do this?*

- 4 **am** Get up.
- 5 **am** Arrive at the TV studio. Have a coffee.
- 5.10 Prepare the make-up room.
- 6 **am** Do make-up for the newsreaders.
- 6.30–11.30 Work with guests on morning TV shows. No time for a break.
- 12 Have lunch with colleagues.
- 1 **pm** Order new make-up.
- 2 **pm** or later Leave the studio.

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### A hard day at the studio.

Sharon usually 1 gets up at four o'clock. She hates that! She 2 ..... at the film studio at five and 3 ..... a coffee. She 4 ..... her room carefully. At six, she 5 ..... the make up for the newsreaders and for the next five hours she 6 ..... with guests on morning TV shows. She 7 ..... time for a break but at noon she 8 ..... lunch with colleagues. After lunch she 9 ..... new make-up. She 10 ..... the studio before two o'clock. It's a tiring job!

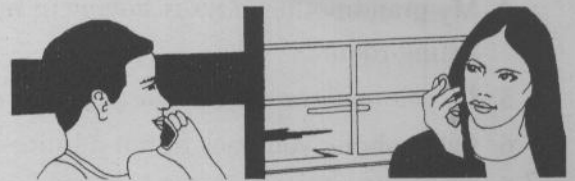


**C2** Now make some notes about your typical day and then write a short description of it.

I usually get up at ...

**C3** Read this mobile phone conversation. Fill in the gaps with a verb from the box in the correct form of the present continuous.

come   come   do   get   get   leave  
read   shout   sit   talk   wait



Mandy: Dwayn? This is Mandy.

Dwayn: Hi Mandy. Why aren't you here? What 1 are you doing (you)? 2 ..... (you) to this party?

Mandy: 3 I ..... on the bus.

Dwayn: What?

Mandy: The bus has broken down. We 4 ..... for another bus to come and take us to town.

Dwayn: Oh, no.

Mandy: Yes. Some of the passengers 5 ..... angrily, but what can the driver do?

Dwayn: 6 ..... (he) to them?

Mandy: No, he 7 ..... a newspaper. Ah, here's the other bus. I 8 .....  
on to it now. The bus 9 ..... I 10 ..... to the party!

**C4** Here is part of a student's letter to a penfriend. Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the present simple or continuous.

Dear Pari

1 I'm (I/be) a university student. As it's holiday time now, 2 ..... (I/work) in a hotel. At the end of every term 3 ..... (I/come) back to my home town and 4 ..... (I/get) a job in this hotel to earn money.  
5 This summer ..... (I/share) a room in the hotel with another girl.  
6 ..... (It/not be) as comfortable as my parents' house, but 7 ..... (I/prefer) it, because 8 ..... (I/not want) to travel home late at night. So this year 9 ..... (I/save) more money and 10 ..... (I/get) more sleep.

**C5** For each of these sentences, write another sentence with the same meaning. Use *have got*.

- 1 There are five bedrooms in our house. Our house has got five bedrooms.
- 2 My head hurts. ....
- 3 Her hair is long and straight. ....
- 4 Is there a swimming-pool at your hotel? .....
- 5 I'm not rich. ....
- 6 Are there locks on these suitcases? .....
- 7 The doctor is too busy to see you today. ....

**C6** Underline the correct form of the verb.

- 1 I know/am knowing this part of town quite well.
- 2 Amy has/is having very small feet.
- 3 We go/are going on holiday with my grandparents every summer.
- 4 My grandmother stays/is staying in my room this week so I sleep/am sleeping in the sitting-room.
- 5 Do you understand/Are you understanding my situation?
- 6 Can I phone you back in ten minutes? We have/are having breakfast at the moment.
- 7 These CDs belong/are belonging to my sister.
- 8 Have you seen John's email? He has/is having a great time in Tokyo.