

## LANGUAGE PRACTICE FOR ADVANCED

### 3 Complete each sentence with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I (hear) hear ..... that you have been promoted. Congratulations!
- 2 British people (drink) ..... more and more wine, apparently.
- 3 I hope Sarah will be here soon. I (depend) ..... on her.
- 4 Please be quiet, David. You (forever / interrupt) .....
- 5 Hey, you! What (you / think) ..... you're doing?
- 6 Could you come here, please? I (want) ..... to talk to you now.
- 7 Jane is away on holiday so Linda (handle) ..... her work.
- 8 To be honest, I (doubt) ..... whether Jim will be here next week.
- 9 You've only just started the job, haven't you? How (you / get on) .....?
- 10 Pay no attention to Graham. He (just / be) ..... sarcastic.

### 4 Complete the text with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

I work in a large office with about thirty other people, most of whom I (1) know ..... (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) Helen Watson, for example. Helen (5) ..... (run) the Accounts department. At the moment she (6) ..... (go out) with Keith Ballantine, one of the sales representatives, and they (7) ..... (seem) very happy together. But everyone – except Helen apparently – (8) ..... (know) that Keith (9) ..... (fancy) Susan Porter. But I (10) ..... (happen) to know that Susan (11) ..... (dislike) Keith. 'I can't stand people who never (12) ..... (stop) apologizing all the time!' she told me. 'And besides, I know he (13) ..... (deceive) poor Helen. He (14) ..... (see) Betty Wills from the Overseas department.' And plenty of other interesting things (15) ..... (currently / go on). For instance, every week we (16) ..... (experience) more and more problems with theft – personal belongings and even money have been stolen. When you (17) ..... (realize) 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!



- 5 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using one of the words in bold. Do not change the word in bold. You must use between two and five words, including the word in bold.

1 Charles and his father are exactly alike in appearance.

**looks / looking**

Charles looks just like his father.

2 Take all your possessions and walk slowly to the exit.

**belongs / belonging**

Take everything ..... and walk slowly to the exit.

3 I'm finding it really enjoyable to work here.

**enjoy / enjoying**

I ..... here.

4 I take work home regularly because of my new responsibility at work.

**means / meaning**

My new responsibility at work ..... work home regularly.

5 In my cycling group there's George, Tom, Harry and me.

**consists / consisting**

My ..... George, Tom, Harry and me.

6 In your opinion, who's going to win the Cup?

**think / thinking**

Who do ..... win the Cup?

7 I'm seeing how wide the door is.

**measure / measuring**

I ..... the door.

8 Neil always forgets his wife's birthday.

**remembers / remembering**

Neil ..... his wife's birthday.

9 Its ability to catch fish is the key to the polar bear's survival.

**depends / depending**

The polar bear's ..... to catch fish.

10 What's on your mind at the moment?

**think / thinking**

What ..... at the moment?