**15. THE PRESENT TENSE**

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 **Let’s Get Started:**

**Identify the verbs in these sentences:**

I **read** story books at night.

We **are planning** a vacation.

They **have completed** their homework.

I **have been working** on this project since yesterday.

1. **Fill in the blanks using the present tense of the given verbs:**

Monsoons **occur** in India and other tropical areas. There **is** strong rainfall which **continues** for many days. The monsoons **arrive** in India in June and **leave** by mid-October. Sometimes, it **rains** too much and there **are** floods in most places. Other times, it **does** not rain at all and there **are** droughts. Animals, plants and humans **depend** a lot on the monsoons.

1. **Rewrite these sentences in the tense given in the brackets:**
2. She **is making** a life-size painting of the school.
3. I **watch** the bird make its nest every morning.
4. He **has been questioned** by his father about the broken window.
5. They **are waiting** for the arrival of their cousins.
6. I **have been watching** television all day.
7. This team **scores** goals very fast.
8. I **am going** to visit my grandparents.
9. The little puppy **has chewed** everything that it **has seen**.
10. She **has been packing** her bags.
11. They **are working** long hours.
12. **Rewrite the sentences after correcting the errors:**
13. Ankita has already **completed** her class XII exams.
14. Rohit **has enrolled** in a college.
15. Mohua **has applied** for several jobs.
16. I **have seen** some interesting advertisements.
17. Jayant **has decided** to work in a bank.
18. I **am** not working at present.
19. Why **are** all those people laughing?
20. Shiv and his friends **are** practising judo.
21. What game **are** those children playing?
22. What **are** you drinking?
23. **Fill in the blanks with the Present Continuous or the Present Perfect Continuous forms of the verbs given in the brackets:**
24. It **has been snowing** continuously since yesterday.
25. She **is meeting** him at 3:00 p.m. today.
26. She **is seeing** him on Sunday.
27. The children are tired because they **have been playing** in the field all morning.
28. He **has been cleaning** the car for three hours.
29. **Are** you **working** on the graffiti?
30. My grandmother’s backache **has been improving** since she started doing yoga.
31. We **are trying** to find our way home.
32. The people who **have been travelling** to office by foot should take the bus to reach on time.
33. Your daughter **has been asking** you the same thing since you got there!
34. Two little birds **have been gathering** seeds all morning.
35. Where **are** you **keeping** all the marbles you collected?
36. The public health department **has been putting** much stress on sanitation these days.
37. I **am painting** the picture of a beautiful princess.
38. How **is** he **doing** after the accident?

**Let Us Write:**

Our summer vacation has just started, so our parents have decided to take us on a jungle safari. So here we are at Bandipur National Park, a 874 square kilometer forested reserve in Karnataka. Our first stop is a courtyard where the snake-man **is showing** at least twenty species of snakes. He **tells** us that there are at least three hundred different types of snakes in this park. My brother, who loves snakes, is completely fascinated and is reluctant to **leave**. Finally, we **drag** him from the snakes and then we get up on a jeep which is going to be our vehicle for the rest of the safari. The first thing we **see** is a herd of elephants bathing in the river, a truly wonderful sight, and then we see the spotted deer **grazing** in the open fields. A little distance away are the antelopes, standing alert as they **spot** our jeep. Suddenly we realise that the forest is thickening and we **are entering** tiger terrain. We are lucky to spot two tigers behind a clump of trees and a little further on, a wild boar, and finally, a pack of jackals. It’s the first time I am seeing a hornbill, and I feel it’s quite a majestic bird with a huge beak. There are at least a hundred different species of birds here but one has to be patient to **watch** them. We have enjoyed our safari and we are going to remember it for a long time.