**7. EXPRESSING THE PRESENT**

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**Let’s Get Started:**

**Write one sentence for each of the given situation:**

1. A universal truth: **The sun rises in the east**.
2. An ongoing action: **We are studying grammar now**.
3. An action completed in the recent past: **Nancy has just returned from a trip to her village**.
4. An action that started in the past but continued into the present: **It has been raining since last night.**
5. **Fill in the blanks with the Simple Present Tense of the given verbs:**
6. The train **arrives** in another ten minutes.
7. The Aurora Borealis **lights** up the night sky in the Arctic regions.
8. Pranesh **draws** water from the well and **waters** his plants every day.
9. The next season of this drama **begins** in September.
10. Copper **conducts** heat better than iron.
11. **Can** we wait until he **finishes** his work?
12. The Orion constellation **resembles** a warrior with a sword.
13. The meeting **starts** at 10 a.m. Please **do** not be late.
14. **Fill in the blanks with the Present Continuous Tense of the given verbs:**
15. Hurry up! Amit **is waiting** for us.
16. I **am meeting** Janaki today.
17. I hate to be disturbed when I **am working**.
18. Do you know the boy who **is standing** on the platform by himself?
19. Let me warn you that you **are making** a mistake.
20. We **are studying** for tomorrow’s exam.
21. Zubin **is pruning** the plants.
22. We **are preparing** the dough for the cake.
23. **Fill in the blanks with the Simple Present or the Present Continuous forms of the given verbs:**
24. I **am working** now. In the evening. I **am playing** guitar in a show with my band. I can talk to you after the show.
25. Mary **loves** orange juice. She always **has** some with breakfast.
26. They **are vacating** the house tomorrow. They **are packing** at the moment.
27. Archana always **rides** her bicycle to school as she **lives** nearby.
28. The moon **revolves** around the earth. The moon **is shining** brightly tonight.
29. Our neighbour, Mr Sinha, **goes** for a jog in the park every day.
30. I **think** I **am developing** a fever.
31. Can’t you see Ritika? She **is reading** under the banyan tree.
32. Our school’s annual play **starts** at 6 p.m.
33. My mother always **goes** to the market herself, but today my father **is accompanying** her.
34. **Rewrite the sentences after correcting the errors:**
35. **I am not understanding this sum. Can you please help me?**

**Ans**: I **do not understand** this sum. Can you please help me?

1. **Devika sleeps now. She will not come out to play.**

**Ans**: Devika **is sleeping** now. She will not come out to play.

1. **I know I run late. I am apologizing for keeping you waiting.**

**Ans**: I know I **am running** late. I **apologize** for keeping you waiting.

1. **The baby is liking to eat bananas.**

**Ans**: The baby **likes** to eat bananas.

1. **Jeevan will help you if you are asking him.**

**Ans**: Jeevan will help you if you **ask** him.

1. **We are reading the newspaper online these days.**

**Ans**: We **read** the newspaper online these days.

1. **Keeping fit is depending on regular exercise.**

**Ans**: Keeping fit **depends** on regular exercise.

1. **The lasagna is tasting delicious. How did you make it?**

**Ans**: The lasagna **tastes** delicious. How did you make it?

1. **How terrible the weather is! I am hearing that it’s going to get even hotter.**

**Ans**: How terrible the weather is! I **hear** that it’s going to get even hotter.

1. **My father usually is giving me a present for Diwali.**

**Ans**: My father usually **gives** me a present for Diwali.

1. **Complete the passage with the Present Perfect Tense of the given verbs:**

Shyamal **has always loved** coming to the forest near his ancestral village. He **has seen** many animals here at close range and **has spent** many afternoons studying the flora and fauna. He **has also brought** some of his friends during summer holidays every year. Together, they **have explored** the area. It is safe because no one **has sighted** any predators in the area, save the odd jackal. The forest **has been** part of the elephants’ trail for decades, but the villagers **have always dealt** with it. Sadly, now that the authorities **have planned** to build a road through the forest, Shyamal is worried that his beloved haunt will no longer be the same.

1. **Fill in the blanks with the Present Continuous or the Present Perfect Continuous Tense of the given verbs:**
2. Mary **is drawing** water from the new well for washing clothes.
3. Sujan **is drafting** the letter at the moment.
4. The kids **have been playing** computer games for two hours now.
5. It **has been snowing** all week in Srinagar.
6. We **have been waiting** for Trisha since 9 a.m.
7. What is that sound? I wonder if the neighbour’s baby **is crying** again.
8. You look very sleepy. **Have you been getting** enough sleep lately?
9. Our maths teacher **has been feeling** unwell for the past week.
10. Tulika is fluent in Chinese now. She **has been going** for weekly Chinese classes.
11. Sweta **has been watching** films all day. No wonder she can barely keep her eyes open now!