

## Present simple and present continuous; Articles

### 1 Complete the sentences with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in the box.

argue • have • help • knock • not realise  
see • switch off • think

- 'Someone ..... at the door.' 'Oh, I know who it is. It's Peter.'
- Laura and Tom ..... a very hard time at work at the moment.
- Physical exercise ..... teenagers with concentration in school.
- 'What's the matter?' 'The children ..... about who is a better footballer.'
- I ..... the expert's advice on retirement is very helpful.
- He ..... his parents every week.
- Dad ..... that I am not a little child any more.
- ..... Julian always ..... the music when he studies?

### 2 Choose the best answer (a, b, c or d) to complete the sentences.

- My aunt speaks too fast. I ..... her.  
a don't understand      b doesn't understand  
c am not understanding      d aren't understanding
- I ..... it's important for teenagers to have a private space.  
a am understanding      b understand  
c understands      d are understanding
- Do you usually ..... to music at a reasonable volume?  
a listening      b listen  
c are listening      d listens
- I feel angry when people ..... senior citizens with respect.  
a are not treating      b not treat  
c don't treat      d are treating
- Do you ..... a positive contribution to your family life?  
a make      b making  
c makes      d aren't making
- My niece ..... with her friends right now – she's at home alone.  
a not plays      b doesn't play  
c aren't playing      d isn't playing

### 3 Find and correct the mistakes. Some of the sentences are correct.

- 'Hello, where are you?' 'Sorry, I can't talk now. I'm going into the office. Bye.'
- 'Where are you coming from?' 'I come from Italy. I was born in Venice.'
- His Spanish is not perfect, but he improves.
- We don't discuss a lot of things at dinnertime – we watch TV.
- My nephew is never accepting my advice.

### 4 Rewrite the sentences with *a/an* or *the* in the correct place.

- About 30% of my classmates come from country outside of Europe.
- My cousin and I are almost same age.
- I always feel very nervous before class presentation – I don't like speaking in public.
- My brother is at university and my sister works as nurse in a hospital.
- We have class discussions in English all the time, but I don't always have confidence to speak.

### 5 Cross out the ten extra words.

The grandparents can be very important in the life of a teenager. They have more an experience and more time than parents and can help teens make the right choices. Teens are often think their parents don't understand them and that their grandparents understand them better. A study being called 'My second mum and dad' says that there are currently 14 million grandparents in the UK and that the number are is increasing. The study also says that many grandparents help teenagers with a school work and go to the school events when their parents are being busy. More than 25% of teenagers say they talk to their grandparents about problems they can't discuss with their parents. Experts say that this generation of grandparents has a the better relationship with today's teenagers because many grandparents are younger. One grandmother says, 'We are probably the only generation that are likes some of the same music our grandchildren like.'