

LESSON-5 THE PRESENT TENSE

EX.2 Rewrite the passage using the Simple Present Tense of the words given in the brackets:

At the New Delhi railway station, the Kalam family **attracts** (attract) the attention of a large number of curious onlookers and the media. Dr.Kalam **remains** (remain) untouched by the excitement of the masses. The day of the ceremony **starts** (start) off like any other day with the regular 5 km walk at the Asiad village. He **takes** (take) a shower and **eats** (eat) a light South Indian breakfast consisting of idli, sambar and buttermilk. He **dresses** (dress) immaculately in a suit and **steps** (step) out to acknowledge the greetings of the crowd. There **are** (be) hordes of cameramen and T.V. crew who **focus** (focus) on him as he **drives** (drive) to the Rashtrapati Bhawan.

EX.3 Write five sentences about the things you like and five about things you do not like.

1. I like working on new projects.
2. I like to attend classes on Arts and craft.
3. I like to go on treks in the hills.
4. I like to listen to music in my free time.
5. I like sleeping early.

1. I dislike maths.
2. I dislike algebraic problems.
3. I dislike getting up early on Sundays.
4. I dislike loud music.
5. I dislike watching stupid serials on the T.V.

NOTE: You can make your own sentences.

EX.4 Circle the correct words in the boxes to complete the sentences:

It is raining right now
but the sky is turning
dark and cool breeze is blowing.
All are carrying
umbrellas as the rain is increasing
every minute.

EX.5 Complete the sentences given below with present continuous form of the verb:

1. It is raining (rain) heavily now.
2. Normally people speak in English in the Parliament but the new MP is speaking (speak) in Tamil.
3. He is taking (take) a long time to finish his breakfast.
4. The Principal is announcing (announce) the annual result and the students are cheering (cheer) the prize winners.
5. The dog is chasing (chase) the cat who is mewling (mew) loudly in fright.

EX.6 Answer the following questions using already/just/yet/along with verbs given in brackets:

2. No, I have not visited yet (not visit/yet) it.
3. I have already lived (live/already) in this town for more than 30 years.
4. We have already mailed (mailed/already) our Diwali Greetings to our friends in India.
5. I have not met (not meet) her since (since) we left the college a year ago.

EX.7 Correct the following sentences:

1. I have been waiting for a bus since 3 o'clock but haven't caught one yet.
2. I have forgotten the exact time of the meeting, I will ask my secretary.
3. Ramesh has already seen this movie, so he knows the story.
4. We have never won a prize in this competition.

5. We haven't gone to the museum yet, we will go next week.

EX.8 Fill in the blanks with Simple Present /Present Continuous or Present Perfect forms of the verb given in brackets:

1. The rain **has stopped** and the sun **is shining** now (stop/shine)
2. We **have** already **told** them that we **don't accept** donations from business magnates. (tell/accept)
3. My sister **is cooking** the dinner and her son **is playing**. (cook/play)
4. I will go out **only** when **I have finished** my work. (finish/only)
5. Why **is** the child **crying**? (be/cry)
6. I asked her where she **is going**. She **tells** me that she **is going** to the central market. (be/tells/go)
7. He **has been working** in this institution for twenty years. (work)
8. I **have laid** the table for dinner, can I serve food now? (lay)
9. We **have had** a very enjoyable holiday in Kashmir. (has)
10. Why are you **hiding** (hide) from me? Have you **done** (do) something wrong?

EX.9 Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the Present Perfect Continuous Tense of the Verbs given in the brackets:

1. India's population **has been steadily increasing** (steadily, increase) every year.
2. He **has been practising** (practice) for the match since the last week.
3. You **have been disturbing** (disturb) this class for the last one hour, please stop it at once.
4. The old man **has been standing** (stand) patiently in the sun for a bus to arrive.
5. The child **has been crying** (cry) for his mother but she has disappeared.
6. I **have been watching** (watch) the Parliament debate on the no-confidence vote with great interest.

ASSIGNMENT: EX 10 ,11

