**Exercises**

***Exercise One***

*Complete the sentences with appropriate verbs. Use the same verb for each sentence in the pair. Choose the present continuous if possible; if not, use the present simple.*

* 1. **1 a.** It is costing us a fortune at the moment to send our daughter to dance classes.
  2. **2 b.** It costs a fortune to fly first class to Japan.
  4. **3 a.** I enjoy sitting down at the end of a long day and reading a good book.

b. It's a wonderful book. I am enjoying every moment of it.

Like/love/appreciate

* 1. **4 a.** We've always wanted a house in the country, but we still argue on where it should be.

**b**. When they agree with each other on so many important issues, I can't understand why they

are arguing now on this relatively minor matter.

* 1. **5 a.** With growing concerns about the environment, people are preferring to use recycled paper

**b.** He doesn't like publicity, and prefers to stay firmly in the background.

* 1. **6 a.** 'Can I speak to Dorothy?' 'She is having a shower. Can I take a message?**' b.** My brother has three children, all girls.
  2. **7 a.** Although he buys three cars, all of them are extremely old.

**b.** In the north of the country, fewer and fewer people are buying the houses they live in.

***Exercise Two***

*Choose the present simple or present continuous for the verbs in these texts.*

1. **1** Fletcher passes to Coles who is shooting just over the bar. United is attacking much more in this half...
2. **2** A man comes home late one night after the office Christmas party. His wife

waits for him, and she is saying to him...

1. **3** Now that the rice is cooking you chop up the carrots and tomatoes and you

put them in a dish...

***Exercise Three***

*Expand one of the sets of notes below to complete each dialogue.*

continually/change/mind forever/moan/work forever/ask me/money constantly/criticise/driving always/complain/handwriting

1. **1** A: I can't read B:You're always complaining about his handwriting.
2. **2** A:Can I borrow 10£? B:You're forever asking me for money

**3**. A:That was a dangerous thing to do! B:You're constantly criticizing my driving

1. **3** A:I think I'll stay here after all. B: You're continually changing your mind
2. **4** A:I had a bad day at the office again. B: You're forever moaning your work