

Using the Present in Speaking

Read each question. Choose the best response.

1. Are you studying tonight?
 - a. Yeah, I have a science test tomorrow.
 - b. Yeah, I don't have any homework.
2. Are you thirsty?
 - a. No, I'm not hungry.
 - b. Yes, I need a big glass of water.
3. Do you feel sick?
 - a. No, I feel fine.
 - b. Yeah, I feel OK.
4. Is anyone sitting here?
 - a. No, it's all yours.
 - b. No, you can't use that chair.
5. Is your brother at the library?
 - a. Yeah, he's at home.
 - b. No, he's at home.
6. Are we eating out on Sunday?
 - a. No, the restaurant is closed.
 - b. Yeah, the restaurant is closed.
7. Do you like Italian food?
 - a. Yeah, I like Mexican food.
 - b. No, I like Mexican food.
8. Are you talking to me?
 - a. Yes, I asked you a question.
 - b. No, I'm talking to you.

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ANSWER KEY

1. a
2. b
3. a
4. a
5. b
6. a
7. b
8. a

Using the Present in Writing

Complete the sentences. Circle the correct verb(s).

1. *The Hunger Games* **am / is / are** a popular novel in the United States.
2. The story **happen / happens / happening** in a nation called Panem.
3. The main character **am / is / are** Katniss Everdeen, and she **tell / tells / telling** the story about the Capitol.
4. The Capitol **control / controls / controlling** Panem.
5. The Hunger Games **am / is / are** part of an annual event.
6. Several children **compete / competes / competing** on television in a battle.
7. The ending **surprise / surprises / surprising** some people.
8. I **want / wants / wanting** you to read it and **tell / tells / telling** me if you **like / likes / liking** it!

Using the Present in Writing

ANSWER KEY

1. is
2. happens
3. is, tells
4. controls
5. are
6. compete
7. surprises
8. want, tell, like