OPTIMISE YOUR GRAMMAR | Higher

Tense Review: present simple and continuous, stative verbs

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form (present simple or present continuous) of the verbs in the box. There is one extra verb you do not need.

believe | borrow | go | like seem | switch

- 1 _____ juggling, Ken?
- 2 John ______ he will pass his exam.
- **3** I _____ my sister's laptop until the computer shop mends mine.
- 4 I always ______ off my mobile before I go to bed.
- 5 Susan _____ more sociable since she stopped using Facebook.

2 Tick the correct sentences. Underline the mistakes in the other sentences and correct them.

- 1 When we go through a tunnel, I am usually losing my Wi-Fi connection.
- 2 The first thing I do after I wake up is check the messages on my mobile.
- **3** Do you make progress with your school project?
- 4 Do you know where I can buy some fashionable clothes?
- 5 Are you believing that Zoe can live without her smartphone?

-ing and infinitives

- **3** Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Do not change the word given. Use two to five words, including the word given.
- 1 To fix your computer, you really should take it to a shop. BETTER You ______ computer to a shop to fix it.
- 2 I'd rather go to the cinema than watch a film online. PREFER I ______ to the cinema than watch a film online.
- 3 Graham said that he hadn't touched my new smartphone. DENIED Graham _____ my new smartphone.
- 4 I'm sad that I don't see my brother very often. MISS

my brother.

5 Last night, my dad said I couldn't play video games and told me to help my mum. **STOP** Last night, my dad made

video games

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and told me to help my mum.

4 Choose the best answer (A, B or C) to fill each gap.

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My mother is always suggesting (1) _____ less time texting friends and more time with them. So last week I decided (2) _____ her advice. I met Mel and Joe and went running with them. When my mobile beeped with an incoming message, I stopped (3) _____ to answer it, but Mel and Joe carried on (4) _____. I put my phone away and ran after them. I really wanted (5) _____ at the message but I managed to resist until we got home. When I did look at it, it was my mum telling (6) _____ home!

1 A me spend **B** that I spend **C** to spend 2 A to take C that I take **B** taking 3 A run **B** to run **C** running 4 A run **B** to run **C** running 5 A to look **B** looking C that I look **6 A** me coming **B** come **C** me to come

Unit round-up

5 Complete the dialogue with the correct form of the words and phrases in the box. Add any other words you need to make the sentence correct. There is one extra word you do not need.

break catch go help seem		
take	turn on	
Cath:	Where (1)	?
John:	I'm going to the computer shop to see if they can mend my laptop.	
Cath:	What's the problem?	
John:	I can't (2)	the sound.
Cath:	The button (3)stuck.	to be
John:	Do you think you can fix it?	
Cath:	I'll do my best. First, I need (4) the back off.	
John:	Wait! I don't think that's a good idea.	
Cath:	I promise not (5) be careful. There. It's fixed.	
John:	Wow! Thanks for (6)	me.



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