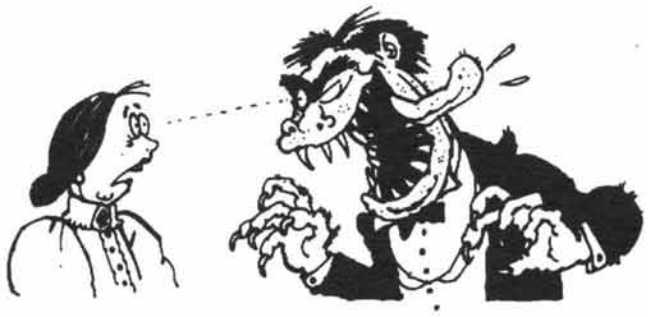
Practice

1 **Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.**

a) I haven't decided yet about whether to buy a new car or a second-hand one. But *I think about it/I'm thinking about it*.
b) All right, you try to fix the television! But *I hope/I'm hoping* you know what you're doing.
c) Every year *I visit/I'm visiting* Britain to improve my English.
d) It's time we turned on the central heating. *It gets/It's getting* colder every day.
e) Of course, you're Mary, aren't you! *I recognise/I am recognising* you now.
f) The film of 'War and Peace' is very long. *It lasts/It is lasting* over four hours.
g) I can see from what you say that your mornings are very busy! But what *do you do/are you doing* in the afternoons?
h) I'm going to buy a new swimming costume. My old one *doesn't fit/isn't fitting* any more.
i) That must be the end of the first part of the performance. What *happens/is happening* now?
j) What's the matter? Why *do you look/are you looking* at me like that?



2 **Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.**

a) I work in this office *all this year/all the time*.
b) Emerson is *currently/for long* top of the driver's league.
c) I am not making much money *these days/so far this year*.
d) The food tastes even worse *now/presently*. You've put too much salt in.
e) *Normally/previously* we get in touch with customers by post.
f) Pete was ill but he is getting over his illness *soon/now*.
g) I'm feeling rather run down *lately/at present*, doctor.
h) I always stay on duty *since/until* six o'clock.
i) I'm *often/forever* picking your hairs out of the bath!
j) Fortunately the baby *now/recently* sleeps all night.