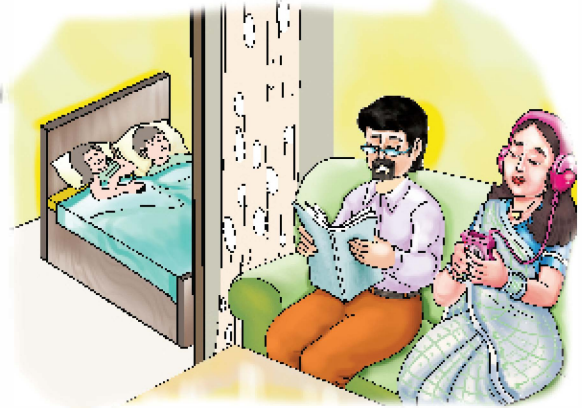


Chapter 7. Verbs: Expressing the Present

Exercise 1. Fill in the blanks with the **simple present** or the **present continuous** tense of the verbs given in the brackets:

Manav and Meenal usually _____ (get) up around six in the morning. They hurriedly _____ (wash) and _____ (rush) to the dining table. Mrs Tripathi _____ (give) them their breakfast. Mr Tripathi _____ (help) her to pack their tiffins. When the children _____ (leave), they _____ (take) their morning tea and quickly _____ (skim) through the newspaper headlines. But today it _____ (be) Sunday, so it _____ (be) different. Both Manav and Meenal _____ (still sleep). Mrs Tripathi _____ (listen) to some devotional music. Mr Tripathi _____ (leisurely read) a magazine. They _____ (patiently wait) for their children to get up.



Exercise 2. Fill in the blanks with the **simple present** or the **present continuous** tense of the verbs given in the brackets:

1. I used to drink a lot of coffee but now I _____ tea.
(prefer)
2. Why _____ so ridiculously? (you behave)
3. This syrup _____ bitter. Can't I have a capsule?
(taste)
4. I _____ with you when you _____
that all human beings _____ selfish. (not agree, say, be)
5. I _____ the baby _____ because it
_____ hungry. (think, cry, feel)
6. We all _____ to be honest. But we _____
to be honest alone. We _____ we will become honest
when the others _____ also honest. That
_____ changing the society difficult. (want, not want,
say, be, make)
7. These days almost all the trains _____ late. If somebody
_____ how much money we _____ because
of inefficient system, I _____ sure, the figure will run into
thousands of crores. (run, calculate, waste, be)