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PRESENT TENSE REVIEW

DIRECTIONS: Fill in the blanks with the following tenses. In some cases (✓), more than one tense is possible.

SIMPLE PRESENT
PRESENT CONTINUOUS
PRESENT PERFECT
PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

FRIDAY AFTERNOON AT MacGRUDER'S DEPARTMENT STORE

It's a normal Friday afternoon at MacGruder's Department Store. At this moment in the shoe department, a young man and his wife (1)_____ (try) to buy new shoes for their three small children. The kids (2)_____ (wiggle) and (3)_____ (scream) and (4)_____ (chase) each other around. The salesman, George, (5)_____ ✓ (go) crazy. He (6)_____ ✓ (wait on) the family for the past hour, with no success. Either the shoes (7)_____ (not fit), or the children's father (8)_____ (think) they're too expensive.

Over at the jewelry counter, Julie (9)_____ ✓ (have) a hard time, too. She (10)_____ ✓ (run) back and forth all afternoon. One lady (11)_____ ✓ (try on) earrings for twenty-five minutes and (12)_____ ✓ (not put) them back on the rack, so now there is a mountain of earrings on the counter.

Meanwhile, Beth Ellen, the store detective, (13)_____ ✓ (walk) slowly around the store since she arrived at 10:00. Her feet (14)_____ (kill) her the whole time. Every day, she (15)_____ (walk) around and (16)_____ (try) to look like a normal shopper while she (17)_____ ✓ (do) her job catching shoplifters. Unfortunately, Beth Ellen (18)_____ ✓ (not catch) a single shoplifter in the past year because she can't see well, and she (19)_____ (refuse) to wear her glasses.

Up in his office right now, Mr. MacGruder (20)_____ (stand) by a small window which (21)_____ (look) out over the first floor of his store. He (22)_____ (see) a customer at the jewelry counter secretly putting expensive earrings into her purse. Beth Ellen (23)_____ (walk) right past her at this very moment, but of course she (24)_____ (not see) the woman steal the earrings because she (25)_____ (not wear) her glasses. Mr. MacGruder's face (26)_____ (begin) to turn purple, and now he (27)_____ (tear) out his hair. He (28)_____ ✓ (regret) hiring Beth Ellen as the store detective ever since his sister persuaded him to, but he can't do anything about it because the girl (29)_____ (be) his niece.