

## At the Diner<sup>1</sup>



### A. Write the verb in parentheses in the present progressive tense.

1. I am sitting at the diner on the corner. (sit)
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ for the man to pour the coffee. (wait)
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ out the window at a woman. (look)
4. She \_\_\_\_\_ her umbrella. (shake)
5. They \_\_\_\_\_ their hellos. (kiss)
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ not to see them. (pretend)
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ to the horoscope<sup>2</sup> in the newspaper. (turn)
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ for the funnies.<sup>3</sup> (look)
9. I \_\_\_\_\_ someone watching me. (feel)
10. Another woman is \_\_\_\_\_ outside. (stand)
11. She \_\_\_\_\_ her stockings. (straighten<sup>4</sup>)
12. Her hair \_\_\_\_\_ wet. (get)
13. I \_\_\_\_\_ to the bells of the cathedral. (listen)
14. I \_\_\_\_\_ of your voice. (think)

<sup>1</sup> diner = a casual restaurant

<sup>2</sup> horoscope = a section in the newspaper that predicts the future. It is based on a person's birthday and the position of the planets and stars.

<sup>3</sup> the funnies = the comics strips in a newspaper

<sup>4</sup> to straighten = to make straight

## **B. Check your answers.**

1. I am sitting at the diner on the corner.
2. I am waiting for the man to pour the coffee.
3. He is looking out the window at a woman.
4. She is shaking her umbrella.
5. They are kissing their hellos.
6. I am pretending not to see them.
7. I am turning to the horoscope in the newspaper.
8. I am looking for the funnies.
9. I am feeling someone watching me.
10. Another woman is standing outside.
11. She is straightening her stockings.
12. Her hair is getting wet.
13. I am listening to the bells of the cathedral.
14. I am thinking of your voice.

## **C. Work with a partner. Person 1 asks the questions below. Person 2 answers with one of the sentences above. Person 2 can use the contractions *I'm, he's, and she's*.**

1. What are you listening to?
2. Who is the man looking at?
3. What is the woman shaking?
4. What are you waiting for?
5. What are you turning to?
6. What are you looking for?
7. Where are you sitting?
8. What are you feeling?
9. Where is another woman standing?
10. What is getting wet?

The sentences in this exercise are based on the song "Tom's Diner" by Suzanne Vega.

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