Word on the Street
Shakespeare Scene 2 – Language Focus

Exercises
Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1
Match the tenses and descriptions with the examples.

• Present simple (habits, things that we usually do)
• Present perfect (life experiences)
• 'be going to' future (plans and arrangements)
• Present continuous (things happening now)
• Present perfect (unfinished events)
• Present simple (facts, things that are always true)
• Present continuous (things happening around now)
• Past simple (finished past events)
• 'will' future (decisions)

1. I've been to Australia three times. __________________________
2. I'm going to ask Sarah to marry me. __________________________
3. I'm not feeling very well. __________________________
4. I've lived in Paris since 1999. __________________________
5. I go to the gym twice a week. __________________________
6. I graduated from university in 2005. __________________________
7. I have two brothers and a sister. __________________________
8. I'll phone you this evening. __________________________
9. I'm studying in England at the moment. __________________________

Activity 2
Complete the sentences with the present simple or present continuous of the verbs in brackets ( ). Remember to use third person -s if you need it.

1. My uncle’s very rich. He __________ (have) three houses in Mumbai.
2. We can’t go out now. It __________ (rain).
3. I usually __________ (get) the bus to work. It’s not a nice walk.
4. We’ve got exams next week so we __________ (study) really hard.
5. It’s my first time in Berlin. I __________ (stay) in a hotel near the city centre.
6. My friend Paula really __________ (like) David Bowie. She’s got all his albums.

Activity 3
Complete the sentences with the past
simple or present perfect of the verb in brackets ( ).

1. I ______ (go) to a great party yesterday.
2. We ______ (watch) this DVD twice already! Can't we watch something else?
3. My grandparents ______ (live) in the same place since 1962.
4. Sorry, Mike isn't here. He_______ (leave) the office five minutes ago.
5. Two of my best friends_______ (get) married last month.
6. I don't think I ______ (see) my brother since New Year.

**Activity 4**

Choose the best future form, with 'will' or 'be going to', to complete each sentence.

1. Have you heard the good news? Jack and Rose _________ get married next year.
   a) are going to  
   b) will

2. Oh dear, we don't have any milk.
   ___________ go to the shop and get some.
   a) I'm just going to  
   b) I'll just

3. It's too late to phone the tax office now. __________ do it tomorrow morning.
   a) I'm going to  
   b) I'll

4. Dennis wants to get more exercise, so __________ sell his car and buy a bike.
   a) he's going to  
   b) he'll

5. I can't remember Ahmed's exact address. __________ text him and ask.
   a) I'm going to  
   b) I'll

6. Sorry, I can't see you this weekend. __________ visit my friend in hospital.
   a) I'm going to  
   b) I'll
Answers

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Activity 4

1. a) are going to
2. b) I'll just
3. b) I'll
4. a) he's going to
5. b) I'll
6. a) I'm going to