



## ACTIVITY SHEET

## EPISODE 21: WATCHING BIRDS

Based on the context complete the sentences below by selecting either the *present continuous*, *present simple* or *past continuous* tense.

**Question 1:** Because the Australian dollar has gone up, exports \_\_\_\_\_ now.

**Answer:**  
 a. are struggling  
 b. struggle  
 c. were struggling

**Question 2:** John \_\_\_\_\_ student issues while the counsellor is on leave.

**Answer:**  
 a. deals with  
 b. is dealing with  
 c. was dealing with

**Question 3:** At the moment they \_\_\_\_\_ the order for electronic equipment for the government.

**Answer:**  
 a. were manufacturing  
 b. manufacture  
 c. are manufacturing

**Question 4:** Generally speaking, it is the personal assistant who \_\_\_\_\_ the tickets for our conferences.

**Answer:**  
 a. is organising  
 b. organises  
 c. was organising

**Question 5:** The course coordinators are in the boardroom. They \_\_\_\_\_ a meeting about the English language curricula.

**Answer:**  
 a. are having  
 b. were having  
 c. have



**Question 6:** Every morning Julia \_\_\_\_\_ tai chi in the park.

- Answer:**
- a. practises
  - b. is practising
  - c. was practising

**Question 7:** Yee Mee lived in Sydney for four years. She \_\_\_\_\_ English well.

- Answer:**
- a. was speaking
  - b. is speaking
  - c. speaks

**Question 8:** This term Yoshi \_\_\_\_\_ his first course in financial planning.

- Answer:**
- a. takes
  - b. is taking
  - c. was taking

**Question 9:** Susan \_\_\_\_\_ in the Learning Centre every Saturday.

- Answer:**
- a. was studying
  - b. is studying
  - c. studies

**Question 10:** At this time they \_\_\_\_\_ for professional qualifications in accounting.

- Answer:**
- a. are studying
  - b. study
  - c. were studying

ANSWERS ACTIVITY 1

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