

It's Becoming Too Difficult

Describing Trends

Warm Up Learning English



See the activity descriptions from page 110.



My English Is Getting Worse



Paula: My English isn't getting better.

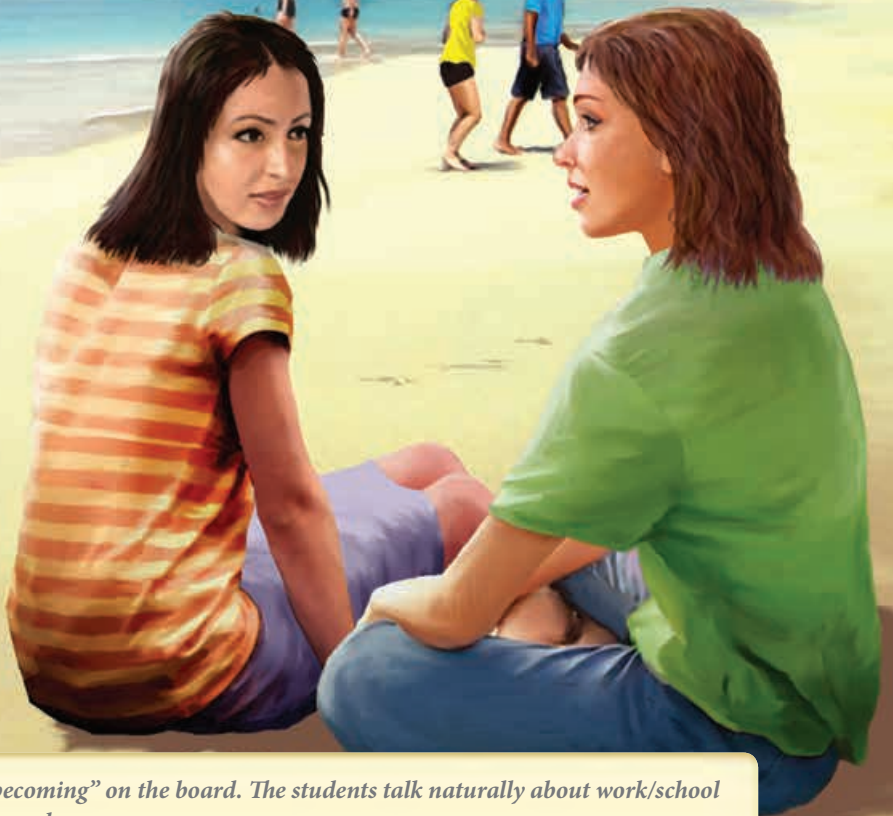
Emel: I know how you feel.


My English is getting worse!

Paula: I don't understand. I'm studying much harder than last year.

Emel: I think the class is becoming too difficult. Maybe we should ask David to go more slowly.

Paula: That's a good idea.



Personalization  Write "getting" and "becoming" on the board. The students talk naturally about work/school and try to include the words.

Example: My work is getting more difficult all the time.
I'm becoming busier, and my boss is becoming stricter.



Warm Up Talking About Prices



See the activity descriptions from page 110.



The Price of Our Cars Is Rising



Jin-Woo: Business isn't very good at the moment.

Sunee: Why's that?

Jin-Woo: The price of our cars is rising, and the price of American cars is falling.

Sunee: Is there anything you can do?

Jin-Woo: I think we'll have to spend more money on marketing, and we'll have to improve the design of our cars.



Personalization Write "rising, falling, increasing, decreasing" on the board. Students use the words to talk about things around them.

Examples: The price of vegetables is rising.
My blood pressure is increasing.



Language Builder

The number of people in China **is** increasing.
 The amount of oil in the world **is** decreasing.
 The price of computers **is** falling.

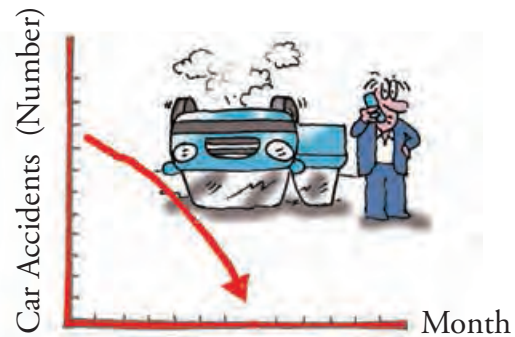
Practice

The number of _____ is _____ ing.
 The amount of _____ is _____ ing.
 The price of _____ is _____ ing.

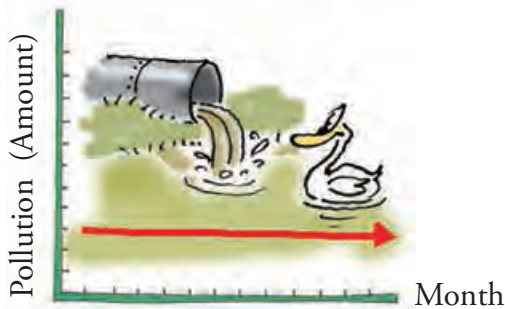
Controlled Practice Graphs



1. The price of bananas is rising / increasing / going up.



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____

staying the same / not changing
 falling / decreasing / going (coming) down

changing all the time / fluctuating
 rising / increasing / going up

Practice

_____ increasing.
 _____ decreasing.
 _____ fluctuating.

Warm Up Fashion



See the activity descriptions from page 110.



Follow Up

Omelets Are Becoming Popular



Mrs. Shakespeare: The price of paper is going up!
And the price of books is coming down! We'll never pay for those new curtains.

Shakespeare: I know! I'm writing more than last year, but I'm making less money!

Mrs. Shakespeare: Maybe your new play will help. But I don't like the title! Nobody will buy a play called "Omelet"!

Shakespeare: It's a very good title! Omelets are becoming very popular.

Mrs. Shakespeare: Yes, but not plain omelets. They're going out of fashion!

Shakespeare: Well, how about "Ham Omelet"?

Mrs. Shakespeare: That's better than before. But something is still wrong.

Personalization Write "going up, becoming popular, ..." on the board. Students use the expressions to talk about things around them.

Examples: I'm playing soccer more than last year.
Green socks are going out of fashion.

Communication Activities



See the activity descriptions from page 110.

A Warmer or Colder?



B Three Sentences



C Concentration



Download material for this activity from <http://Communicate-Motivate.com>.

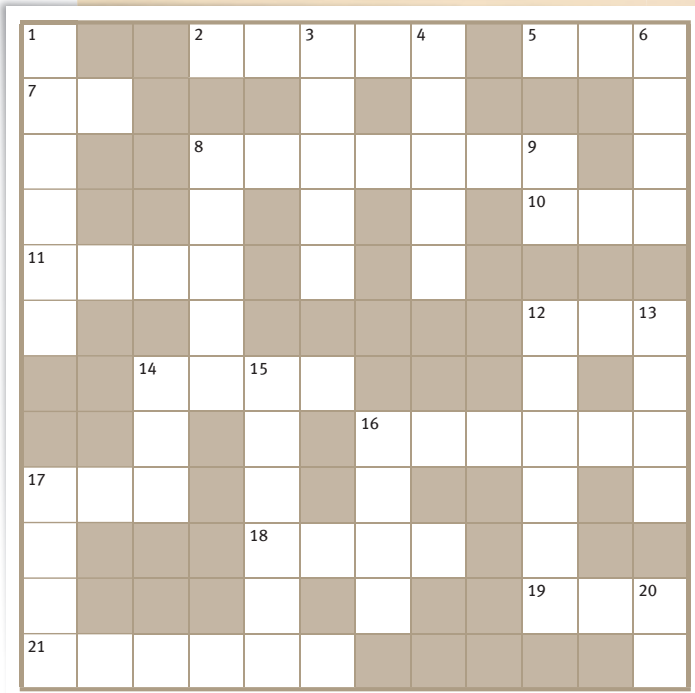


Review

Crossword

Down

1. "He ___ to call his wife."
3. "We'll have to ___ more money on marketing."
4. "___ are too many people."
6. "I'm not going to study very hard. I ___ have time."
8. "My English is getting ___!"
9. "I have to ___ all the housework."
12. "___ will buy a play called 'Omelet!'"
13. "What ___ you doing at three o'clock?"
14. "I ___ go to China, too."
15. "The ___ of oil is decreasing."
16. "We don't ___ to be together all the time."
17. "I ___ to be a princess again."
20. "David doesn't want to give ___ windsurfing."



Across

2. "I didn't mean to ___ you."
5. "I'll probably go back to Korea for a ___ days."
7. "We import a lot ___ goods from India."
8. "David and I are spending the ___ in Wisconsin."
10. "We took him ___ for dinner."
11. "We can hop ___ to that pond."
12. "I have to be going ___."
14. "I didn't ___ to upset you."
16. "The ___ of people in China is increasing."
17. "___ not buy him a jacket?"
18. "He's getting ___ to balancing."
19. "What do ___ mean?"
21. "She's easy to work with, and I think she ___ me."

Personal Record

<input type="radio"/>	What do you think is increasing? →
	What do you think is staying the same? →
	What do you think is becoming popular? →
<input type="radio"/>	What do you think is getting worse? →