**PRACTICE: PRESENT SIMPLE – PRESENT CONTINUOUS**

**(8th April class)**

**Activity 1: Read the text and choose the correct option.**

**ONLINE NEWS. WEATHER**

It’s three days after Hurricane Katrina hit the US coast, but New Orleans is still suffering from strong ***wind/fog*** and heavy ***rainy/rain***. Thousands of people are waiting for help. Half of the city is underwater and the army is still repairing the river walls.

The green and pleasant land of England is turning brown. After two cold, ***humid/dry*** winters and ***hot/rain*** summers, the south-east of England is experiencing a serious drought. Many lakes and rivers are now ***wet/dry.***

Following yesterday’s blizzards and the heavy fall of snow/cloudy, the police in New Zealand are using helicopters to reach hundreds of people in the countryside. It is still very ***warm/windy*** and the ***ice/sun*** is causing problems for the rescue teams.

 **Activity 2: Complete the sentences. Use Present Simple or Present Continuous of the**

 **verbs.**

1. Be quiet! I…………………………….to the news on the radio. (listen)
2. In India, most rain usually……………………..in the summer months, June to August. (fall)
3. Lightning……………….the Empire State Building in New York 500 times every year. (hit)
4. These days, more rain………………….in Australia because of global warming. (fall)
5. It………………………in tropical countries like Brazil. (not snow)
6. “It……………………………..now. Let’s go to the park.” (not rain)

**Grammar note: There are two types of verbs: STATE VERBS and ACTION VERBS. State verbs usually describe feelings and situations (be, have, know, etc.) Action verbs describe activities and movements (hit, play, etc.)**

 **Activity 3: Underline the main verb in these sentences. Are they State or Action**

 **verbs?**

1. It is still very cold today.
2. It’s coming towards Florida.
3. I have a lot of food in my house.
4. Hurricanes are getting stronger.
5. I know about the danger.

 **Activity 4: Complete this Internet news report. Use the Present Simple or Present**

 **Continuous of the verbs.**

**Storms hit the UK.**

There are heavy storms in the UK. Winds of 60 kilometres per hour 1)…………………….(hit) the west coast, with more storms later this weekend. Experts say that these storms are unusual. “Today, these storms 2)……………..…….(be) very strong. We usually 3)………………………(get) this kind or weather in the winter, not now.”

The heavy rain 4)………………………….(cause) major transport problems-currently, the trains and ferries 5)………………………..(not work).

The emergency services are helping local residents. “Right now, we 6)………………………(move) people to safe areas and we 7)………………………….(give) them hot food”. A group of fishermen are lost at sea and a rescue team 8)…………………………..(look) for them. “We 9) ………………………….(not usually fly) in this kind of weather, but today 10)…………………………(not be) a normal day.”