Exercise 14
Simple Present Tense Review

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in simple present tense.

Hi. My name (be) _______ Albert. My friends (call) _______ me Al. You can call me Al if you (like) _______.

I (want) to tell you about a problem I (have) _______. It (be, not) _______ _______ a big problem, but it is not a small problem, either. I (guess) _______ it’s somewhere between big and small.

I (have) _______ a best friend. His name (be) _______ Joe, but everybody (call) _______ him Joey. Joey and I have been friends for a long time. That’s the problem. Joey (like) _______ to smoke. He (say) _______ he (do, not) _______ _______, but I (know) _______ he (do) _______. He (try) _______ to hide it from me, but I (see) _______ him do it sometimes. When I see him do it, he just (laugh) _______ and (walk) _______ away.

Now, Joey (smoke) _______ every day. When he (come) _______ over to my house, he (always, bring) _______ _______ his cigarettes with him. He (keep) _______ them in his pocket. He (think) _______ they are cool. He (not, think) _______ _______ _______ it’s a bad idea to smoke. He (say) _______. "(not, worry) _______ _______ _______ , Al. I'm okay.” He (tell) _______ me that I (not, understand) _______ _______ _______, but I (think) _______ I (do) _______.

I (feel) _______ like it's his right to smoke. He can do what he (want) _______ to do, right? But I can (not, help) _______ _______ worrying. He's my best friend.