Exercise 38
Present Tense – Cumulative Review
Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in any aspect of the present tense.

Ring! Ring!

Beto: Hello.
Justin: May I please speak to Beto?
Beto: Yes, this is he.
Justin: Beto! How (be) ______ (1) you? This is Justin.
Beto: Ahhh…Justin! I (be) ______ (2) fine. How are you?
Justin: I'm great, thanks.
Beto: That (be) ______ (3) good. So, what's up?
Justin: Well, I (have) ______ (4) a question for you.
Beto: Sure.
Justin: My motorcycle (be) ______ (5) broken. I (try) ______ ______ ______ (6) to repair it for days. I (no, know) ______ ______ ______ (7) what is wrong with it. I (no, can, fix) ______ ______ ______ (8) it.
Justin: Have you tried to start it?
Beto: Yes, I (try) ______ ______ ______ (9) to start it many times, but it just won't work. The motorcycle is pretty new. I just got it last November.
Beto: Hmm. Well, what (happen) ______ (10) when you try to start it? What kind of noise does it make?
Justin: It (make) ______ (11) a strange sound. Then the engine (die) ______ (12).
Beto: Okay. (You, stand) ______ ______ ______ (13) beside it right now?
Justin: Yes.
Beto: Okay. There are some things that you need to check. First, you need to inspect the spark plugs.
Justin: Hold on. Okay, I (inspect) ______ ______ ______ (14) them under a light now. They look clean.
Beto: Okay, that’s good. Now, you need to check the oil. It’s possible that you don’t have enough.

Justin: Hold on. Okay, I (check) _______ _________(15) the oil right now. It (look) _____________(16) clean, and the tank is full. I just filled it up last week, so I didn’t think that would be the problem.

Beto: Okay, that’s good. Now you need to test the battery. (You, have) _______ _______ ______(17) a battery tester?

Justin: Yes, I do. My brother got me one for my birthday.

Let’s see…okay, I (use) _______ _______ ______(18) it right now. The battery (appear) _______ ______(19) to be full of life.

Beto: Hmm. That is strange. I (wonder) _______ ______(20) what the problem could be!

Justin: Yes…very strange. I (not, understand) _______ _______ ______(21) it. My brother thinks the motorcycle is trash. He (not, think) _______ _______ ______(22) it will ever start again. He (say) ______(23) I need to take it to the junkyard.

Beto: That’s too bad. Well, there (be) ______ (24) one more thing you can check.

Justin: Really?

Beto: Yes, but I am sure you (check) _______ _______ ______(25) it already. It’s probably the first thing you thought of.

Justin: Well, what is it?

Beto: The gas level.

Justin: Wait! I (not, check) _______ _______ ______(26) that yet! Hold on! I (check) _______ _______ ______(27) the gas level now.

Beto: Well, what (do) ______(28) it look like?

Justin: It (look) _______ ______(29) empty! Wow, that (be) ______(30) the problem. How embarrassing. I am sorry that I bothered you about this!

Beto: That’s okay. The same thing (happen) _______ ______(31) to me before. You had better go get some gas! Talk you to you later!

Justin: Okay, thanks!