

- 2 GRAMMAR IN USE** Read the letter and choose the correct *italic* verb form. If both options are correct, choose both. **2.45** Listen and check.

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Ms Gloria Travis
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Dear Ms Travis,

Please forgive me for contacting you out of the blue. I am writing in connection with the film apprenticeships your studio offers. I (1) *noticed / was noticing* an advertisement about these in the Guardian some months ago and I have (2) *meant / been meaning* to write to you since then. My request (3) *concerns / is concerning* the film editing apprenticeship in particular.

I completed a university degree in film studies last June and I have been trying to find a position in film since then. To be honest, I (4) *have / am having* great difficulty and I (5) *feel / am feeling* rather despondent at present. My course (6) *consisted / was consisting* of most aspects of film and television production, and I specialised in film editing in my final year. I have always (7) *wanted / been wanting* to pursue a career in film and I took the degree to facilitate that, although it (8) *appears / is appearing* not to have been successful to date. I (9) *realise / am realising* that the advert for the apprenticeships was placed some months ago and you may not have any places available now. However, I am perfectly willing to work in any capacity without payment for a few weeks in order for you to see my level of commitment, in the hope that I may qualify for an apprenticeship in the future. I (10) *promise / am promising* that I won't disappoint you if you decide to employ me in any capacity.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Celia Roberts

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- 3 Complete the sentences, using suitable verbs from the box. Choose whether to use a simple or continuous form. 2.46** Listen and check.

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- I'm really annoyed you took the car without asking me. From now on I you to borrow the car without asking permission first!
- That medicine horrible! What on earth do they put in them to make them so awful?
- Oh, Joan, can I call you back? I the grand prix at the moment.
- Hasn't Mike fixed your kitchen tap yet? I know he to do it for ages.
- 'What was that?' 'I don't know. I just something blue fly past. Was it a bird?'
- I'm not coming to the class tonight. I've twisted my ankle and it a lot now.
- What do you mean, you're leaving? Now you over-dramatic!
- I can't understand why the newspapers write such awful lies about people. Everyone that kind of gutter journalism.