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## 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.