**Answers**

1. He **is living** with his parents at the moment.  
2. Some areas of Italy **are becoming** drier.  
3. She **works** as a lab technician.

Story 1

It was a hot day, so I **decided** to prepare salad for lunch. Outside, the children **were playing** in the garden. Suddenly I **heard** a loud noise, followed by a scream. I **ran** outside to see what **was happening**.

Story 2

On my first day at work I was a bit nervous. I **got** up early, **had** a shower, and **drank** some coffee. I was too nervous to eat.

I **thought** I **was looking / looked** very smart. I **was wearing** a suit and my best shoes. I **walked** to the bus stop and **waited** for the bus. While I **was waiting**, I **noticed** that people **were looking** at me in a strange way. I **tried** to ignore them, and when my bus **arrived** I **got on** and **found** a seat. 30 minutes later, I **arrived** at my office. Just as I **got off** the bus, I **looked** down and **realised** that I **was wearing** shoes of different colours…

When I was living in London, a strange thing **happened**to me.

At that time, I **had** a job as a receptionist in a hotel. I**‘d applied** for the job before I **arrived** in London, which **made** things a bit easier.

The hotel **was** in the centre, and **was** always busy. One day, as I **was working** I **heard** someone call my name. The voice was familiar – I **thought** I **had heard** it before. I **looked** up and **saw** to my surprise that the person standing in front of me **was ….**