Using the Simple Present or the Present Progressive

Directions: Fill in the blanks with either the simple present or present progressive tense of the verbs in parenthesis.

It's 7:30 A.M. and the Wilsons are in their kitchen. Mrs. Wilson is (sit) _____ at the breakfast table. She is (read) _____ the morning paper. She (read) _____ the newspaper every morning. Mr. Wilson is (pour) _____ a cup of coffee. He usually (drink) _____ two cups of coffee every morning before he goes to work. There is a cartoon on TV, but the children are (watch, negative) _____ it. They are (play) _____ with their toys instead. They usually (watch) _____ cartoons in the morning, but this morning they are (pay, negative) _____ any attention to the TV. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are (watch, negative) _____ the TV either. They do not like to watch cartoons.

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