TOEFL Worksheet: The Present Tenses and their Uses

Read the cartoons below. Which form of the present tense appears in each word balloon, and why is that tense being used?

(Answer key on page 3)
I have eaten garlic for breakfast every day since I learned it is healthy.

I have tried that a few times, but it is so disgusting.

It has been snowing since last Tuesday!

The weather is so cold!

We play basketball together every Saturday.

Look at me! I shoot! I score!
**Answer Key:**

1) Simple present: stative verb about the “real” present and general timeless fact

2) Present continuous: temporary action.

3) Present perfect: a recently completed action that still influences the present

4) Present continuous: an event that is happening right now in the “real” present

5) Present perfect: an action that started in the past, continues into the present, and may continue into the future

6) Present perfect: separate actions that happened in the past and may happen again in the future

7) Present perfect continuous: an action that started in the past, continues into the present, and may continue into the future

8) Simple present: a stative verb about the “real” present

9) Simple present: habitual routine action

10) Simple present: narrative style