

3 LANGUAGE FOCUS • Present perfect simple and present perfect continuous

1 Complete the table with the words.

been has hasn't have haven't
we working

Present perfect continuous		
Affirmative		
I / You / We / You / They	1	sleeping.
He / She / It	2	
Negative		
I / You / We / You / They	4	been
He / She / It	hasn't	5
Questions and short answers		
Have they been listening?		Yes, they have.
Has she been reading?		No, she 6

2 Write sentences using the present perfect continuous.

They / learn / how to surf

They've been learning how to surf.

1 Dan / play his guitar all day

2 We / not study for long

3 Hannah / learn Japanese for a year


4 Where / they live / ?

5 George / not sleep well recently


6 you / have swimming lessons / ?

Yes / I

3 Choose the correct words to complete Amber's message.



Amber Taylor >
Last active: 7 hours ago



Hi Gracie!
How are you? What have you
b during the summer
break? Sorry I haven't 1
you a message for ages, but I've
2 really busy. I 3
learning how to ride horses on a
trekking holiday. It's great, but I'm
exhausted. We've 4 out for
hours every day this week. So far,
the longest trek 5 six hours!
I 6 a really nice girl here.
She's Portuguese, and she 7
any English before, so we've
8 in Spanish! It's difficult
sometimes, but it's fun!
Speak to you soon!

Aa

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|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| a been | b) been doing | c done |
| 1 a sending | b been sending | c sent |
| 2 a been | b been being | c was being |
| 3 a 've been | b 've | c been |
| 4 a gone | b been gone | c been going |
| 5 a been | b has been | c been being |
| 6 a 've met | b meeting | c 've been meeting |
| 7 a not been learning | b hasn't learned | c has been not learning |
| 8 a talked | b been talked | c been talking |

4 Imagine you are upset with your brother or sister. Write six things you're unhappy about. Use the present perfect simple and continuous with the ideas below, or your own ideas.

borrow my laptop break my tablet
do homework eat my chocolate
listen to me play music wear my clothes

She's been playing her music really loudly.