

Present perfect vs Present perfect continuous

4 ★ Match the tenses in bold in sentences 1 to 6 to the uses (a-f).

1 **f** He **has just left** for the airport.
2 Sam is tired. He's **been sightseeing** all day.
3 Chris **has been waiting** to see the doctor for three hours now.
4 Steve **has climbed** the Eiffel Tower.
5 Lisa **has booked** a trip to Australia.
6 I **have taken** lots of pictures this morning.

- a to place emphasis on the duration of an action which started in the past and continues up to the present
- b an action which happened in a time period that is not over at the moment of speaking
- c an action that started and finished in the past and lasted for some time with a visible result in the present
- d for experiences
- e an action which happened at an unspecified time in the past
- f a recently completed action

5 ★ Put the verbs in brackets into the *present perfect* or the *present perfect continuous*.

- 1 They **haven't returned** (not/return) from their trip yet.
- 2 The train (**just/arrive**).
- 3 We (**wait**) for the bus for an hour now.
- 4 (**you/ever/be**) abroad?
- 5 Beth (**lie**) on the beach since we arrived.
- 6 Amy (**not/visit**) us since 2008.
- 7 How long (**you/live**) here?
- 8 We (**walk**) since 9 o'clock this morning and my feet hurt!