INTERMEDIATE

PRESENT PERFECT vs PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

Task 1 Match questions 1-6 to answers a-f.

1. What have you been doing since I last saw you?

2. Have you been anywhere exciting?

3. So, what about you? How's your work going?

4. And what about your brother Dave, what's he been doing? He's at uni, isn't he?

5. Have you seen Joanne recently?

6. Have you been doing anything else interesting lately?

a) I've been travelling quite a lot for work.
b) Yes, he's been studying for his final exams for months.
c) I've been taking Spanish lessons. A friend has been helping me with my studies.
d) She's been very busy getting ready for the wedding.
e) I went to New York for work last month. It was the first time I'd ever been there.
f) My boss has been trying to persuade me to move to the Mexican office for ages, and I've just accepted the job!

Task 2

a) Which examples from the answers a-f illustrate these rules?

- To emphasize that an action or situation that started in the past is still in progress.
- To emphasize the length of time of an action.
- For repeated recent actions. (2 examples)
- To focus on the finished result of an action.
- With phrases "It's the first/second time..."
- With state verbs

b) Drag and drop the rules in the table

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