

8 GRAMMAR FOCUS

► Present perfect continuous

Use the present perfect continuous for actions that start in the past and continue into the present.

What **have** you **been doing** lately?

I've **been working** two jobs for the last six months.

How long **have** you **been trying**?

I've **been trying** since I graduated.

Have you **been saving** money?

No, I **haven't been saving** money. I've **been spending** it!

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A Complete the conversations with the present perfect continuous.

1. **A:** _____ you _____ (learn) any new skills this year?

B: Yes, I have. I _____ (take) some art courses.

2. **A:** What _____ you _____ (do) lately?

B: Well, I _____ (look for) a new job.

3. **A:** How _____ you _____ (feel) recently?

B: Great! I _____ (run) three times a week. And I _____ (not drink) as much coffee since I stopped working at the coffee shop.

4. **A:** _____ you _____ (get) enough exercise lately?

B: No, I haven't. I _____ (study) a lot for a big exam.